

Regular Meeting of the Yinghua Academy School Board
1616 Buchanan Street NE, Minneapolis, MN, Music Room
Monday, August 11, 2014, 6:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Walt Graff, Denny Grubish (Treasurer), Emily Hanson, Scott Jax, Rosemary Lawrence, Karen Lu (Chair), Suzanne Reider, Jen Shadowens, Seth Werner, Sarah Whiting

Board Members not in Attendance: Jan Kleinman (Secretary)

Executive Director in Attendance: Sue Berg

YACA Chair in Attendance: Dina Nash

Public in Attendance: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lu called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

II. APPROVALS

a. 8/11/14 AGENDA

The MOTION by Mr. Jax to approve the agenda was seconded and passed.

b. 7/21/14 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minor edits were made to II. f.

The MOTION by Mr. Grubish to approve the minutes as amended was seconded and passed.

c. POLICY NO. 516 STUDENT MEDICATION – SECOND READING

Ms. Shadowens explained changes in the policy. Discussion ensued.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. FINANCE UPDATE

Mr. Grubish reported that preliminary numbers came in better than the conservative estimate reflected in the budget. Benefits came in as less and revenue came in as higher than projected. Mr. Grubish cautioned that this is preliminary and we will know the final number later.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Ms. Berg reported that 15-17 potential families have been identified since the enrollment capacity was increased. 665 students are currently enrolled. David Madsen started as the new office manager. 94% of 2013-14 staff are returning for 2014-15.

VI. 2014-15 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Ms. Reider presented the current version of the Continuous Improvement Plan. Ms. Lu stated that this needs to be released to Friends of Education by Friday. Discussion ensued around goals, objectives, and metrics.

The MOTION by Mr. Jax to approve the changes to the Continuous Improvement Plan was seconded and passed.

VII. UPCOMING BOARD WORK

Ms. Lu reported that Dr. Lawrence will be stepping down from the chair position of the Academic Committee, but will remain to serve on the board. A new chair needs to be filled from the board. Ms. Lu stated the Annual Report is due to Friends on September 15. Mrs. Berg and her team will do most of the writing. The Annual Report needs to be posted to the website and a link emailed to the community parents on or before October 1. The report must be approved by the board before this date.

VIII. ADJOURN

The MOTION made by Mr. Grubish to adjourn at 8:47 was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Sarah Whiting.
Approved by vote of Board on September 15, 2014.