

Regular Meeting of the Yinghua Academy School Board
1616 Buchanan Street, NE, Minneapolis, MN, Media Center
Monday, August 17, 2015
FINAL

Board Members in Attendance: Denny Grubish (Treasurer), Kimberly Gill, Emily Hanson, Jan Kleinman, Karen Lu (Chair), Joel Luedtke, Suzanne Reider, Amanda Schneider, Seth Werner (Secretary), Sarah Whiting, Christopher Ziolkowski

Board Members not in Attendance: Rosemary Lawrence, Jen Shadowens,

Executive Director in Attendance: Sue Berg

YACA Chair in Attendance: Dina Nash

Public in Attendance: Lisa Matre

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lu called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

II. APPROVALS (10 min)

a. 8/17/15 Agenda

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

b. 7/20/15 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

c. Policy 506 Student Discipline – Second Reading

The MOTION by Ms. Kleinman to approve the policy as amended was seconded and passed.

d. Policy 522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination – Second Reading

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

e. Policy 806 Crisis Management – Second Reading

The vote on this policy was tabled. The draft contained editing notes and needed changes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. GOVERNANCE UPDATE (29 min)

- a. Ms. Kleinman is resigning from the board and from her position as a teacher at Yinghua. Ms. Lu thanked Ms. Kleinman for her service.

The Governance Committee recommended that Lisa Matre, a Yinghua parent, be appointed to the board to serve out Ms. Kleinman's term ending 6/30/17.

The MOTION by Ms. Kleinman to appoint Ms. Matre to the board starting 9/1/15 through 6/30/17 was seconded and passed.

- b. Policies YA-010, 410, 413, 427 and 514 – First Reading

These policies were discussed and edits were noted. There was additional discussion regarding the process by which volunteers at the school should be made aware of the school's policies and their related changes. This issue will be taken up by the Governance Committee.

V. ACADEMIC REPORT (38 min)

Ms. Reider introduced a report titled: Academic Outcomes & Goals prepared by the Academic Committee. The purpose of this report is to summarize and record the various academic goals to which the school is held accountable.

Dr. Lien reviewed each of the goals in the Academic Outcomes & Goals report. There was detailed discussion about the difference between the Student Oral Proficiency Assessment (SOPA) usually administered to children and the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) traditionally administered to adult learners and how they are used at Yinghua.

VI. ANNUAL REPORT PREPERATION and STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION (37 Min)

Ms. Lu offered an introduction to the school's historical process for strategic planning. She explained how it was done in the past, the role the plan plays in school governance, then asked for suggestions as to how to manage the process going forward with a goal of having an adaptive, living document that offered guidance, but remained flexible.

The board discussed various processes, outcomes and goals including the importance of including succession planning in the process.

It was recommended that a taskforce be formed. Some of the tasks to be undertaken will include benchmarking the processes used by other schools and organizations and creating a list of possible facilitators to assist in the process.

Ms. Lu asked for volunteers for the taskforce and Ms. Hanson, Mr. Luedtke and Ms. Whiting volunteered.

VII. ADJOURN

The MOTION by Ms. Kleinman to adjourn at 8:00pm was seconded and passed.

Minutes drafted by Seth Werner, Secretary
Approved by vote of Board on: September 21, 2015