



Minnesota Excellence in Learning Academy August 31 Board Meeting

1. Record Attendance and Guests:
 - Board Members: Joe Scherer, Carrie Berndt, Julie Eduputa., Emily Johnson
 - Guests: Nicole Schmidt, Antonio Zambrano, Scott F, Jennifer Mitchell
2. Call the Meeting to Order: Joe called the meeting to order. 1:05 pm.
3. Approval of the Agenda:
 - Emily made a motion to change the times on the agenda to 1:00-2:30 pm and approved the agenda. Julie seconded the motion. Unanimously accepted.
4. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting:
 - Emily motioned to change May 2016 to May 2017 on the minutes from May minutes and motioned to accept the minutes from May. Julie seconded it. Add a comma between Nicole Schmidt and Antonio's name. Unanimously accepted.
 - Emily motioned to approve the August 29th, 2017 minutes. Julie seconded the motion. Unanimously accepted.
5. Distinctive Report Out:
 - Thank you to the team for the move into the new facility.
 - Focus on Development- Antonio supporting finances. Sarah supporting C and I, Mariela supporting the building. Aligning strategic plan to Distinctive strategic plan model.
 - New Teacher Institute- excellent, everyone was excited, culture and joy and innovation at the center.
 - Board Governance vs. management- Trust in management with academic models and finances.
 - Board training- Innovative Quality Schools - pair with them to schedule training with board members.
6. Board of Director Update:
 - Echoing what Scott said prior
 - Step up PD for board members
7. Financial Review/Budget Update/Expenditure Update:
 - Nicole Schmidt from CLA reviewed the July financial package to the board.
 - Emily motioned to approve the July financial package. Julie seconded it. Unanimously accepted.

Director's Report:

- Jennifer Mitchell, MELA principal, presented information regarding Enrollment, Staffing, Professional Development, After School, and PreK
- Emily motioned to approve the changes in the QComp plan, Julie seconded. Unanimously accepted.

Operations Report:

- Same as stated above.

IQS Update

- Annual report is included in the board minutes
- Revisions are going to be made to some parts of annual report

Board Governance/Compliance Requirements:

- Paypal donation link on site- promotion to come.
- Fundraising outside of school fundraisers

Others:

- Maple Grove Magazine featuring MELA update- coming out in December

Next meeting date:

- October 11th 3:30 pm at MELA

Moved to adjourn by Joe Scherer at 2:45 pm. Emily seconded the motion. Unanimously accepted.