



Minnesota Excellence in Learning Academy December 19, 2017 Board Meeting

1. Record Attendance and Guests:
 - Board Members: Joe Scherer, Carrie Berndt, Julie Eduputa., Emily Johnson, Sara Welu
 - Guests: Nicole Schmidt, Antonio Zambrano, Jennifer Mitchell, April Shaw
2. Call the Meeting to Order: Joe called the meeting to order @ 4:35pm
3. Approval of the Agenda:
 - Emily moved. Carrie seconded. Unanimously accepted.
 - Agenda Updated in meeting
4. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting:
 - Jullie motioned to approve the October 11, 2017 minutes. Emily seconded the motion. Unanimously accepted.
5. Distinctive Schools Overview: April Shaw
 - Thanks for support through transitions
 - Update on grant searches
 - Proposed Management fee contract of 3 yr. At 12% instead of 9% (Joe and Scott with talk)
 - Strategic planning session for next year?- Plan-How can Distinctive help support MECLA's Strategic Plan: set goals for year (fundraising, community partnerships, etc...)
 - New Flyer- April took feedback notes back for Distinctive
 - Feedback for transitions- many thanks for support
6. Board of Director update: Joe Scherer
 - Adding Board members- asking us to reach out
 - Board training: 6+ they will come to us
 - Next meeting Feb 8, 2018 4:30
7. Financial Review/Budget Update/Expenditure Update: Nicole Schmidt
 - Nicole Schmidt from CLA reviewed the November financial financial packages
 - No updated amendment to the budget until later
 - Julie motioned to approve the November financial packages. Carrie seconded it. Unanimously accepted.

8. MELA Director Report: Jennifer Mitchell

- \$5,000 grant and \$20,000 grant awarded to MELA
- Restructuring of classrooms/Staff
- Schedule considerations
- Enrolling update

9. Board Governance/ Compliance Requirements:

- Board members must start training within 6 months
- Board moved to approve revisions of Procurement Procedures and edits forthcoming by Emily, Julie seconded it. Unanimously accepted.

10. Adjourn at 5:52 pm by motion from Joe

Seconded by Emily. Unanimously accepted.