

St. Paul City School

Annual Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2011

1. Attendees signed in
2. Nancy Dana, Executive Director, welcomed everyone and thanked teachers and parents for attending. She introduced the interpreters and JaPaul Harris, Board Chair.
3. JaPaul Harris, Board Chair, welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. He called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm. **There was a motion to pass the agenda as written: Justin Tiarks moved, Melody Chalmers seconded, APPROVED.** JaPaul introduced the current Board members: Justin Tiarks (vice-chair), Kristie Eull (secretary), Scott Redinger (treasurer, not present), Melody Chalmers, Katie Holmes, Jenny Reiling, Kathy Vang (not present), and Laura Rodriguez-Gonzalez (not present). **There was a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2010 Annual Meeting: Justin Tiarks moved, Katie Holmes seconded. APPROVED.**
4. Authorizer: Nancy explained that our authorizer application for a transfer to Novation Education Opportunities has been sent to the Department of Education. She is confident this process will be completed as quickly as possible.
5. Budget: Nancy explained that it has been a difficult year—the State is having money issues, which means we are going to have another tough year ahead of us. She explained the role of the State holding back 30% of school funds and reassured families that we have a good relationship with University Bank and that we were able to receive a sizeable loan from them.
6. Enrollment: The current enrollment is 340. For next year, we would like to keep the students we have and add at least 10 more students. Nancy encouraged families to promote our school to family and friends in order to increase enrollment. She recognized the recruiting efforts of Olga LaForce and Mai Zia Lee.
7. Title One Report: The Title Report was included in the packet that was distributed to meeting attendees. Nancy encouraged parents to continue to support the school and become involved in their children's education. She also encouraged them to attend the Annual TPAC (Title Parent Advisory Committee) meeting at 6:00 on May 12.
8. MCA Testing: Nancy explained the MCA test was taken throughout April and congratulated the students for working hard. She addressed the remarkable achievements that were made last year on the MCAs. She thanked the parents for helping us to ensure their children's success. She recognized Angela Imdieke for her efforts as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.
9. Staff Appreciation Week: The entire staff will be recognized during the week of May 9th. Nancy encouraged parents to recognize their children's teachers during that week.
10. SIG Grant: Nancy explained that we made significant changes to meet the requirements of the SIG Grant last year. Although we did not get the grant, we intend to apply again. The Cambridge team will be coming again to review the school on Friday, April 29, 2011 to determine future needs and changes.
11. Administrative Structure: Nancy introduced Bondo Nyembwe and Angela Folch as the two other members of the administrative team that hadn't been previously introduced.

12. Closing Statements: Nancy thanked the parents for entrusting their children to us.
13. Questions from Attendees: A parent asked what to tell friends/family about the requirements to be a student here. Nancy responded by explaining we are a public school and open to anyone as long as there is space available. After questions from the attendees, Nancy turned the meeting over to JaPaul Harris.
14. By-Laws and Board Appointment Affirmations: JaPaul explained that Bylaws are used to govern the Board. He explained the changes that are being recommended at tonight's meeting. He called for a floor vote to reaffirm the Board members who were appointed throughout the year. The results were as follows:

Katie Holmes was reaffirmed by a floor vote unanimously.

Jenny Reiling was reaffirmed by a floor vote unanimously.

Kathy Vang was reaffirmed by a floor vote unanimously.

Laura Rodriguez-Gonzalez was reaffirmed by a floor vote unanimously.

15. Elections: JaPaul introduced the candidates for open Board seats: Justin Tiarks, teacher; Kathy Vang, parent; and himself, community member. JaPaul called for nominations from the floor for additional candidates. No additional candidates were nominated. **Nominations were closed and a motion was made to approve the unopposed Board elects, JaPaul Harris, Justin Tiarks, and Kathy Vang. Melody Chalmers moved, Jenny Reiling seconded, APPROVED unanimously.** While ballots were being distributed for the Bylaw changes, the school choir performed. While ballots were being counted, 3rd quarter awards were being given to students for most improvement. Nancy announced the winners for the food drive raffle.
16. By-Law results: JaPaul announced the results of the Bylaw votes.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the word "teacher" be replaced by "staff member" regarding Board seats. Passed 67-16

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Bylaws be changed to reflect the 5-2-2 structure be changed to 3 teachers, 2 parents, 2 community members and 2 open seats. Passed 59-24

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Some families stayed for the Listening Session.

Prepared by:



Kristie Eull, Board Secretary

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