

School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:00pm DaVinci Academy

1. Call to order

2. Roll Call

Present	Chair	Board Members
Х	G	Melanie Persellin - President
Х	С	Saurabh Bokil
X		Idara Uko - Treasurer
X	Α	Lenny Ulloa Silva - Secretary
0	В	Katharine Borg
Х	F	Emily Uhl - Vice President
Х	E	Durowaa Agyeman-Mensah
X	D	Jacob Stith
X	Н	Ojonimi Ocholi

Guests		
Holly Fischer - Executive Director		
Julie Kresh		
Kary Johnson		
Cam Stottler		
Cassie Erickson		
Alicia Helgeson		
Keith Helgeson		
Veronica Sheck		

3. Reading of Mission Statement and Real Life Examples

1 minute

DaVinci Academy of Arts and Science will awaken a passion for learning through an enriched and individualized approach to education. Students, parents and teachers will work together to ensure positive character development and build a strong foundation for higher education.

Kindergarten parade last week.

4. Community Comment

10 minutes

Community Comment is the only open forum portion of tonight's meeting, and is an opportunity to present an issue or concern to the Board of Directors. There is a maximum of ten minutes set aside for Community Comment. Each presentation should be limited to no more than two minutes. If your item needs follow-up from the board and/or staff or will require research etc., a decision may not be made during tonight's meeting. Thank you for coming.

No comments

5. Adoption of Agenda and Addendums

2 minutes

Motion to approve the January 23, 2023 agenda by Lenny, seconded by Idara, it passes.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 DONATIONS

Unrestricted donations: available for viewing in the office Restricted donations:

6.2 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 26, 2022 Board meeting

 Motion To approve the meeting minutes from Dec 19, 2023, by Emily, seconded by Melanie, it passes.

7. At-Large Board Member Candidate Forum for Board Appointment Board

45 minutes



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Pursuant to Bylaws Article IV, Section 7 Unless otherwise provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 317A.227, vacancies on the Board of Directors caused by death, disqualification, resignation, disability, removal or such other cause may be filled by appointment of a new director by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, even if less than a quorum. A director filling a vacancy shall hold office until the term of the replaced Director expires, or until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified, subject to his or her earlier death, disqualification, resignation or removal. The following candidates provided Applications for consideration (in order of receipt) for vacant Board seat H (At-Large Member):

- a. Ojonimi Ocholi (Application)
- b. Brenda Maulik (Application and Resume)

Brenda Maulik has decided to withdraw her application at this time.

- Motion to appoint Ojonomi Ocholi as the new at-large board member to seat H by Idara, seconded by Emily, it passes.
- 8. NLA Executive Director Cam Stottler regarding High School Cam Stottler 45 minutes

 Mr. Stottler of North Lakes Academy has approached DVA with some ideas on a partnership venture and would like to present his ideas to the Board.
 - The board has decided to continue this conversation during our March meeting
- **9.** <u>Discussion-Administration Updates:</u> <u>Holly Fischer</u> <u>30 minutes</u> Update regarding enrollment, activities and events at school, Rebranding status and open positions for employment.
 - 2023-24 numbers: 451 students in the waitlist for the lottery on February 6th.
 - Working with Acoustics and Associate to install noise canceling sound panels in the gym
 - We are upgrading our sound system.
 - 35 students wanted to work in tech and 70 wanted roles for Little Mermaid Jr.
 - Four schools came to present their HS. PACT, NLA, Blaine, and Northwest Passage.
 - We are having a presentation for MS families on Thursday, Jan 26.
 - Battle of Books is having their regional competition at Eagle Ridge.
 - 127 students are taking classes offered afterschool by outside vendors and 170 students taking classes offered by DVA staff.
 - Free and reduced rate has increased this academic year.
 - 257 volunteer hours this month.
 - Changes in the Renaissance program to allow more students into advanced classes.

10. Committee Updates and Review Committee Minutes

40 minutes

COMMITTEE

10.1 Finance Committee & Treasurer's Update:

MEETING DATE

January 18, 2023

Review monthly financial report

10.2 HR/Compensation Committee: January 19, 2023

10.3 School Development Committee: Did not meet

10.4 Policy Committee: January 13, 2023



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9:08 pm

- Motion to abolish Policy 408 Employee Laptop Computer Policy by Melanie, seconded by Emily.
 Votes in favor by Saurabh, Idara, Durowaa, Jake, Lenny, Melanie, and Emily. Abstained by Nimi.
 It passes.
- Motion to approve the revised Policy 417 Chemical Use and Abuse by Emily, seconded by Jake, votes in favor by Saurabh, Idara, Durowaa, Jake, Lenny, Melanie, and Emily. Abstained by Nimi. It passes.
- Motion to approve the revised Policy 418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School by Melanie, seconded by Durowaa, votes in favor by Saurabh, Idara, Durowaa, Jake, Lenny, Melanie, and Emily. Abstained by Nimi. It passes.

12. Old Business

Actual time:

13. New Business - Discussion/Action items

Review of the 2023-2024 Calendar Fischer Review of proposed 2023-2024 school calendars. Board to vote on said calendar at the February Annual meeting. 13.2 Board ElectionManagement Tool Ulloa Silva 15 minutes Review proposed revised Board election timeline and plan for moving elections to May 14. Meeting Assessment and Closing Thoughts President 2 minutes Did we spend our time effectively today? What could we do better? What do we, as a board, need to be focusing on for the next meeting? Board members can participate in the history day 15. Adjourn Meeting ma 00:8 Estimated end time:

Motion to adjourn by Durowaa, seconded by Nimi, it passes.