

School Board Meeting Agenda Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:00pm DaVinci Academy

1. Call to order 6:04pm

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	Е	Durowaa Agyeman-Mensah
X	D	Jacob Stith
X	Н	Ojonimi Ocholi

Guests			
Holly Fischer - Executive Director			
Julie Kresh - Policy Chair			
Kari Johnson - FoE			
Veronica Sheck			
Sana Soussi			
Clinton Yocon			

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.

 We have a student who is going through a medical challenge and the school has decided to do a fundraising for this student.

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 agenda for today's meeting by Nimi, seconded by Durowaa, it passes.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 DONATIONS

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

6.2 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2023 Board meeting

• Motion to approve meeting minutes as amended by Jake, seconded by Emily, it passes.

7. Board of Directors: Candidate Forum (6:15 p.m.)

Board

60 minutes



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The Board will have the opportunity to inquire all candidates running for election for the two open parent positions. The 2023 Board of Directors Annual Election Voting Guide was sent out to the community. We have four (4) nominees to fill two of the positions.

Parent Board Member Candidate Seat F	Parent Board Member Candidate Seat G
Linda Nininahazwe-Nezerwe	Melanie Persellin
Sana Soussi	
Emily Uhl	

Note these important dates:

- Voting Starts Monday May 1st, 2023
- Voting Ends Monday May 22nd, 2023 at 4:00pm
- Results Announced on Monday May 22nd, 2023 at 6:00pm at the regular May Board meeting. New board members will take their seats during the June Board meeting.

8. Discussion- Administration Updates:

Fischer 30 minutes

Update regarding enrollment, activities and events at school, open positions for employment, and community involvement.

- 969 students are currently enrolled and almost fully enrolled for next year. We are capping the enrollment to 1020 for next year.
- 300 volunteer hours (up from 75 hrs last month). Most of the hours were from lunch supervision and field trip help.
- We are having our last week for Dollars for DaVinci.
- History Day happened this past weekend and 2 teams got honorary mentions.
- Battle of the Books competition is also happening and there will be a competition at Eagle Ridge in May.
- Literacy night on Thursday 27 and middle school Talent Show.
- Salary letters went out for the year 2023-24.
- We are creating a new position as Instructional Coach.
- Andrea Halverson is leaving her Academic Director position and we have hired Amy Erendu.
- Vanessa Arboleda will be our STEAM teacher next year.
- Last week of MCAs testing.
- Spring Scramble (formerly known as our Golf Tournament) is open for registration and will be held on June 9. Gala committee will start meeting in May.
- Puzzle competition and Family Night In will be on May 4.

9. Committee Updates and Review Committee Minutes

30 minutes

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE
10.1 Finance Committee & Treasurer's Update: April 19. 2023

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Review monthly financial report

10.2 HR/Compensation Committee: Did Not Meet



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10.3 School Development Committee: March 29, 2023

10.4 Policy Committee: April 14, 2023

10. Old Business

10.1 Status of Rebranding Project Fischer & CESO

30 minutes

- Branding process: finding what makes our school unique.
- Research: asking students, staff, and parents about the school.
- There were some drafts shown.

11. New Business - Discussion/Action items

11.1 Review of Draft Policies

Kresh

15 minutes

Review of the following policies and modifications which will be up for consideration and approval by the Board at the May 2023 Board meeting: Policy 501 School Weapons, policy 505 Service Animals, Policy 513 Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design. Board to review all proposed revisions to policies in advance of May, 2023 Board meeting.

11.2 Board Election Management

Ulloa Silva

10 minutes

Review Board election timeline and provide status update on May, 2023 elections. Discuss who will be present for ballot counting.

11.3 Summer Retreat

Board

15 minutes

Start discussions on the scheduling of the summer offsite retreat. Request dates and agenda items.

11.4 Commencement of the Executive Director Evaluation

Board

30 minutes

The Board will close the meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3 which permits the Board to close the meeting to evaluate the performance of an individual who is subject to its authority. Ms. Holly Fischer, the Executive Director, is evaluated on an annual basis. The Board will summarize its conclusions of the evaluation, which will take place over the next 2-3 months, at the next open meeting. The Executive Director has the option to have all evaluation meetings open to the public.

 The board discussed a timeline for the ED evaluation and will continue discussion at the May meeting.

12. 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?

13. Adjourn Meeting

Estimated end time:

Motion to adjourn Emily, seconded by Melanie

9:30 pm Actual time: 9:15pm