



School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, November 30, 2020 at 6:00pm DaVinci Academy Via Zoom Conference Call

Call to order

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Meeting ID: 831 6278 1961

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Roll Call

Present	Board Members	Guests
x	Melanie Persellin - President	Ahava Silkey-Jones – Ex-Officio Member
X	Andy Wallschlaeger – Vice President	Jim Eichten
X	Lenny Ulloa Silva-Secretary	Holly Fisher
X	Joe Thomas – Treasurer	Jenny Kopecky
X	Todd Paulson	Julie Kresh
X	Katharine Borg	Lorraine Neuhaus
X	Idara Uko	Charlie Neuhaus
X	Nimi Ocholi	Melissa Derby
X	Jeff Dodge	Stephanie Severson
		Emily Tinawi
		Terry Moffatt
		Steph
		Casy Anderson
		Katie Sundgren
		Virginia Carter
		Debi Walter

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.

Community Comment

5-10 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.

Please request to speak in the comments (visible to everyone) and then take your microphone off mute when you are called upon to speak.

Adoption of Agenda and Addendums

2 minutes



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- Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Andy, seconded by Katherine Borg. It passes

1. Review of Audit Report

Thomas/ Jim Eichten 30 minutes

Presentation of Audit Report, Financial Statements and Supplemental Information and Management Report as of June 30, 2020.

- The opinions from the auditor are:
 - They have issued an unmodified opinion on the Academy's basic financial statements
 - No deficiencies in the internal control.
 - They disclosed no instances of noncompliance
 - No findings on our testing of the academics compliance with the Minnesota laws and regulations.
- Issuing an opinion with no findings is out of the norm for a charter school.
- The report has been unanimously accepted by the board.

2. Consent Agenda

5 minutes

DONATIONS

Unrestricted donations: available for viewing in the office

Restricted donations: none received

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2020 Board meeting minutes.

- Motion to approve the minutes of the October 26 meeting as revised by Joe, seconded by Melanie. It passes unanimously.

3. Administration Updates – Ahava Silkey-Jones

60 minutes

Updates on COVID-19 response and changes to distance and hybrid learning, middle school transition to distance learning, and academic and assessment updates.

- Professional development offered today for staff where several staff members offered sessions about different things that they needed.
- It looks like we will continue working on distance learning for the rest of December.
- PTO wants to put care packets together for students.
- Parents wanted more time for the students in class with a teacher so schedules have been modified to have longer class sessions.
- Possible January return for some students receiving SpEd services or students who are academically struggling.
- There are community activities led by DaVinci teachers open to all our students. Sing alongs, decorating cookies, among others. Calendar will be sent out to parents.
- There will be a link sent to parents so they can record themselves celebrating a different holiday to recognize the diversity of our community.
- We are having more social media presence on Facebook and Instagram.

4. Academic Update

30 minutes



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- We are realizing that working on the NWEA test might be a struggle because it seems that it's a hard test to administer online. Our Academic Director is looking at other options together with other FoE schools.

5. Committee Updates and Review/Approve Committee Minutes

6. COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE

6.1 Finance Committee & Treasurer's Update:

Nov 11

- Good conversation with the new provider.
- Finances were not ready at the time of the meeting but they are not in the board packet.

6.2 HR/Compensation Committee:

Not held

6.3 School Development Committee:

Nov. 11

- Give to the Max fundraised 1,500.
- Heggies Pizza fundraising almost done.

6.4 Policy Committee:

Not held

7. Old Business

- 7.1 Follow up on Financial/Accountant Vendors **Thomas/ Silkey-Jones** 30 minutes
Review and discuss proposal and service agreement from School Management Services (SMS).

- Motion to approve the contract by Andy, seconded by Idara. It passes unanimously.

8. New Business – Discussion/Action items

- 8.1 Election for New Board Members **Persellin** 30 minutes

- possibility of online options. Melanie will be looking into other options based on what other charter schools are doing for elections to avoid in person voting.

- 8.2 Winter Off-Site Retreat **Board** 20 minutes

Selection of date and time based on poll and December Board meeting

- Plan postponed for next board meeting on December 14th.
- Lenny will send another survey to board members to know what days DO NOT work instead of days that work so it might give board members more options.

- 8.3 Meeting Assessment and Closing Thoughts **Persellin** 5 minutes

Adjourn Meeting

Estimated end time:

8:35 pm

Motion to adjourn by Todd, seconded by Andy. It passes unanimously.