

Minutes of the St. Cloud Math and Science Academy Board of Directors
136 Division St. Waite Park, MN 56387
July 14, 2014 - 5:00 PM

Mission

To serve the needs of all students as they prepare to become life-long learners and contributing members of society through integration of Science, Technology, Math and Engineering into the traditional content areas of Reading, Language Skills, Social Studies, the Arts and Physical Education. Kindness and respect for others is the foundation upon which students will develop into critical and ethical thinkers who will be prepared to meet the challenges of future job market and intrapersonal skills requirements.

1. The meeting was call to order at 5:05 PM by Cabdicasiis Cilmi at 5:05 PM

2. Cabdicasiis Cilmi conducted the roll call.

Members Present:

Britt O'Neal
Dori Lindsay
Debbie Adair
Sarah Klinnert
Cabdicasiis Cilmi
Shannon Dyrud
Cortez Evans

Members Absent:

Dr. Carolyn Williams
Susan Roberts
Paula Foley
Abubakar Haji

Others Present:

Wendy Swanson Choi
Evan Corcoran
Tammy Bengtson
Kara Gaffy
Ismael Ali

There was a quorum.

3. Debbie Adair moved to approve the agenda, Sarah Klinnert seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Debbie Adair moved, Britt O'Neal seconded to approve the Minutes of June 9, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report (Britt O'Neal)

SCMSA account still has \$587.75 in it. On 7/15/2014 we should receive our first payment from the state (approx. \$40,000). We will need to pay a \$350.00 fee to the county for the Plan Review Application. The process for reimbursement for previous expenses is: Turn in an Expense Report with receipts attached to Tammy Bengtson for approval. Once it is approved, you will get reimbursed.

6. Debbie Adair moved that Tammy Bengtson be authorized to be a signer on SCMSA bank account at Plaza Park Bank. Sarah seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Cabdicasiis Cilmi moved to approve the following positions and salaries for the 2014-2015 school year effective 8/11/2014:

Kindergarten - \$35,000

KIndergarten - \$35,000

First Grade - \$35,000

Second Grade - \$38,000

Second Grade - \$38,000

Third Grade - \$38,000

Third Grade - \$34,000

Fourth Grade - \$38,000

Fourth Grade - \$36,000

English Learners - \$35,000

Dori Lindsay seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

8. Cabdicasiis Cilmi moved to approve the hiring of Katie Gruber for the position of Administrative Secretary effective 7/1/14, Britt O'Neal seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously

9. Cabdicasiis Cilmi moved to approve the hiring of New Horizon as the Food Service Provider for SCMSA. Debbie Adair seconded. Discussion: Britt O'Neal received quotes from other companies. New Horizon was the most prompt in responding and the most helpful. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Dori Lindsay moved to dismiss Dr Carolyn Williams, Paula Foley, and Susan Roberts from the SCMSA Board for non-attendance of meetings according to the By-Laws. Cabdicasiis Cilmi seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Sarah Klinnert moved to invite Ismael Ali to become a Board member. Cabdicasiis Cilmi seconded. Discussion: Mr. Ali has submitted a Letter of Intent, a Resume, and attended several Board Meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Jenny Pine from Onyx Benefit Advisors presented us with four different insurance plans to pick from, through Health Partners. She explained the differences and pros and cons of each. We have budgeted for \$350.00/month "full, single" coverage, plus \$35.00/month dental.

13. Debbie Adair moved that we invite Jenny Pine to come and present the first and last options to the teachers on 8/11/2014 at 9:00 AM for their input into which option they like the best. Britt seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

14. The SCMSA Board received Cabdicasiis Cilmi's resignation from the Board. We have great appreciation for everything he has done for SCMSA!

15. Debbie Adair moved to approve Cortez Evans as Board Chairman for St. Cloud Math and Science Academy. Sarah Klinnert seconded. Discussion: Since Cabdicasiis resigned, we need a new Board Chair. Cortez expressed an interest in doing so. Roll call vote:

Sarah Klinnert -yes

Debbie Adair - yes

Britt O'Neal - yes

Shannon Dyrud - yes

Dori Lindsay - Yes

Cortez Evans - Abstained

Abubakar Haji - Absent

Ismael Ali - Absent

Cortez Evans was elected as our new Board Chairman by majority vote. Motion passed.

16. Dori Lindsay moved to change the maximum number of members for SCMSA Board from 13 back to 9 members. Britt O'Neal seconded. Discussion: the Board has been advised that 13 is too unwieldy. Motion passed unanimously.

17. Board Training (Dori Lindsay)

Introduction to Roberts Rules of Order. Dori presented a paper with basic rules, so we all understand how the meeting should be operated in order for everything to run smoothly and efficiently.

18. Authorizer Update (Wendy Swanson Choi)

The Minnesota State Legislature recently revised the Authorizer Contract Renewal time from 3 years to 5 years. It was felt that charter schools need more time to demonstrate that they are fulfilling the goals in their contracts. Tammy and Wendy will need to work together to develop contract goals for the extra 2 years, and change the number of years in our current contract. Wendy would like us to send our By-Laws to her for review before approving any more changes, except to change the number of members from 13 back to 9. She requested that we send them for review before the August 11th Board Meeting, so they can be approved at that time.

19. Update on Lease Aid

Dan received the building permits; construction will begin this week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Approved on:

Signature of Officer:_____

(Debra Adair)

