

Meeting Minutes- FINALIZED

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Math & Science Academy Thursday, March 8, 2018

Room 10

8430 Woodbury Crossing, Woodbury, MN 55125

1. Call to Order by Chair by Jeana Albers at 5:00pm

Vision and Mission read by Jeana Albers

Mission:

We provide accelerated curricula in all subjects, with an emphasis on math and science.

Vision:

To be an innovative, sustainable model of academic excellence that creates well-rounded, lifelong learners and global citizens.

2. Roll Call of Members

Present:

Voting:

Jeana Albers, Chair & Teacher Member
Ken Thielman, Vice Chair & Community Member
Mona Hayashi, Treasurer & Parent Member
Rita Winchester, Secretary & Parent Member
Cheri Howe, Teacher Member
Jeff Eng, Parent Member
Alexandria Ledo, Community Member (arrived at 5:18pm)

Non-voting:

John Gawarecki, Director (ex officio)

Absent:

Voting:

Noah Langseth, Teacher Member
Lisa Anderson, Teacher Member

Non-voting:

Simran Chandak, Student Member
Judith Darling BKDA, Contracted Financial Manager (ex officio)

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3. Motion to approve a new amended school calendar with March 12, 2018 designated as an e-learning day.

Moved by: Cheri Howe

Second: Ken Thielman

Discussion: BOD reviewed survey that was emailed to staff and parents regarding preferences for making up the snow day from March 5th. 72% of the staff who responded preferred the option to have March 12th be used as an e-learning day. Parent responses were split between having March 12th be an e-learning day (43.75%) and having March 12th be a regular school day (38.87%).

BOD reviewed benefits of having an e-learning day instead of a regular school day:

- As a result from a committee formed last year, e-learning days will be the default for canceled school days next year. At Wednesday's staff meeting, interest was expressed in having the 12th be used as a trial for this platform to have the opportunity to preview any issues with it that can be corrected before next year.
- The Robotics team will need to catch up on missing assignments on Monday since they were at a competition all weekend, causing difficulty with their members participating in a regular school day when they expected it to be a non-school day.
- Teachers have their days planned, as this day was to be a teacher work day.

Logistics of an e-learning day on March 12th were discussed:

- Teachers were scheduled to attend a training which will need to be cancelled due to their need to be accessible during the day. Director explained this training was supplemental and can be distributed via email instead.

- Teachers are to assign lessons within the units they are working on in their classes. Lessons are to be posted by 10:00 am.

- To accommodate students without internet access or printers at home, assignments would not be due the next day, but rather on a date determined by each teacher.

4. Motion to approve future snow days for the 2017-2018 school year to be E-learning days.

Moved: by Mona Hayashi

Second: Jeana Albers

Discussion:

BOD addressed need to clarify language in the Motion to include days the school is canceled for reasons other than snow, specifically.

Motion amended to clarify as future canceled school days for the 2017-2018 school year to be e-learning days.

Moved by: Mona Hayashi

Second: Jeana Albers

5. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Ken Thielman

Second: Jeana Albers

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Submitted:

Rita Winchester, Secretary

Approved:

Rita Winchester, Secretary