

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Location of Meeting:

Call to order: The Board Member Lauren Ryan called to order the meeting at
6:05 PM on Tuesday October 7, 2014

Board Members/Director Present or Absent:

Name	Present/Absent
Becky Magnuson (Chair)	Absent
Lauren Ryan	Present
Helen Fisk (Treasurer)	Absent
Emily Schmidt	Present
Julian Stanke (Secretary)	Present
Tanya Heifort	Present
Midi Hansen	Absent
Emily Snodgrass	Present

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role

Tesfa International School

Mission: Tesfa International School is committed to providing an equitable and empowering education for all. Our scholars will engage in a transdisciplinary curriculum supported by conceptual and inquiry based learning. Side-by-side with dedicated educators, scholars will develop the knowledge, skills, and characteristics necessary for active citizenship throughout the world.

Vision: Our students will be prepared for a successful transition to the most rigorous and challenging middle school programs. Through their experience at Tesfa, students will be held to the highest of standards both academically and socially, to prepare the students for college and careers, as well as with the leadership skills required of active and productive citizens in the 21st century. Through access and equity, students will follow a pathway to success for them and their communities.

AGENDA and MINUTES

Subject	Approval of 10/7 Agenda		
Motion	Approve 10/7 Agenda		
Made by	Emily S	Seconded	Emily S
Discussion			

Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	
Decision	Agenda Approved						

Subject	Approval of 9/2/14						
Motion	Approve minutes from 9/2						
Made by	Tanya			Seconded	Julian		
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	3	Nay	0	Abstain	2
Decision							

FINANCIAL REPORT

Subject	Account Established at Sunrise Bank						
Motion							
Made by				Seconded			
Discussion	Helen, Becky, Lauren and Julian are listed as signers, and the account is open to deposits/donations.						
Vote		Yea		Nay		Abstain	
Decision							

Subject	Walton Grant Approved						
Motion							
Made by				Seconded			
Discussion	Walton Grant has been awarded to Tesfa International, totaling up to \$250,000.00. Exact amount shall be determined by Walton, and notification can be expected to Tesfa with the final awarded amount in the coming weeks.						
Vote		Yea		Nay		Abstain	
Decision							

Subject							
Motion							

Made by		Seconded		
Discussion				
Vote		Yea	Nay	Abstain
Decision				

AUTHORIZER INPUT

Subject	VOA contact is submitting contract this week to MDE, by Thursday, 10/9/14.
Discussion	

POLICY UPDATES

Subject	Approval of amendments of the policies		
Motion	To approve amendments of the by-laws and policies.		
Made by	Tanya Heifort	Seconded	Emily Snodgrass
Discussion			
Vote	Yea	5	Nay 0 Abstain 0
Decision			

Subject	Approval of amendments of the By-Laws		
Motion	To change language from “consecutive” to “annual” in the By-Laws for Tesfa International School.		
Made by	Emily Snodgrass	Seconded	Emily Schmidt
Discussion			
Vote	Yea	5	Nay 0 Abstain 0
Decision			

Subject	Approval of New Policies		
Motion	To approve amendments to policies 410 and 413.		
Made by	Tanya Heifort	Seconded	Lauren Ryan
Discussion			

Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

Subject	Policies 412,417, and 418						
Motion	To approve amendments to policies 412, 417, and 418						
Made by	Julian Stanke			Seconded	Emily Schmidt		
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

OLD BUSINESS

Subject	Building Search Update						
Discussion	<p>1745 University current leader in potential site location.</p> <p>St. Francis also submitted a proposal, but is outside of the desired location, and is competitive with 1745.</p>						

Subject	Development of Board Committees and Assignments						
Discussion	Board will develop the following committees: Marketing and Enrollment, Finance and Budget, Policy.						

Subject	School Director Search						
Discussion	<p>The job description and posting for the School Director position for Tesfa International School has been listed, and so far there have been two applications received. She will also be the discretionary as to applicants that will move on to the board interview committee.</p> <p>Motion to make Helen Fisk the recipient and discretionary screener to applicants.</p> <p>Made by: Tanya Heifort Seconded: Emily Snodgrass</p> <p>Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0</p>						

NEW BUSINESS

Subject	Board Member Resignation				
Motion	Rebecca Magnuson and Lauren Ryan submitted their formal resignation letters from the Tesfa International School Board.				
Made by		Seconded			
Discussion	Resignations will open a board member seat as well as the board chair position.				
Vote		Yea	Nay	Abstain	
Decision					

Subject	501(c)3 Application
Discussion	Application has been submitted and we await the response. The response is expected with in the next 10 months.

Subject	Tesfa International School nomination by the Twins Wives Organization
Discussion	Tesfa has been nominated by Maddie Mauer to the Twins Wives Organization to receive a donation from their organization.

Subject	CSP (Charter School Partners) Grant – Application due to MDE Oct. 27- intent to submit Oct. 24
Discussion	Application is due to the Minnesota Department of Education on October 27. The intent is for the submission to occur on October 24.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Subject	
Discussion	

ADJOURNMENT

Motion	To adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm		
Made by	Julian Stanke	Seconded	Lauren Ryan

Discussion							
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							