

BOARD MEETING MINUTES- DRAFT

February 8, 2016 6:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Tesfa International School

Call to order: The Board Chair, Tanya Heifort, called to order the meeting at 6:01 PM on February 8, 2016.

Board Members/Director Present or Absent:

Name	Present/Absent
Tanya Heifort (Board Chair)	Present
Helen Fisk (Board Treasurer)	Present
Julian Stanke (Board Secretary)	Present
Emily Schmidt (Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Absent
Midi Hansen (Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Present
Dillon Donnelly (Community Member)	Absent
Christina Ticer (Board Member)	Present
Mike McFadden (Board Member)	Absent
Becky Magnuson (Director and ExOfficio)	Present
Lauren Ryan (Assistant Director and ExOfficio)	Present

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
	VOA Authorizer Representative
Erin Lavery Wanat	Indigo Education

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 Agendas						
Motion	Motion to amend the agenda.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Midi Hansen				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Accept the Minutes						
Motion	Motion to accept the minutes as presented from January 11, 2016.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Helen Fisk				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

FINANCIAL REPORT

Subject	Financial Report					
Motion	Motion to accept the January financial report as presented.					
Made by	Christina Ticer	Seconded	Julian Stanke			
Discussion	None					

Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject							
Motion	Motion to use the \$5,000.00 February 4 th donation to support classroom budget.						
Made by	Helen Fisk			Seconded		Midi Hansen	
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Donations						
Motion	Motion to accept donations as presented in the board packet.						
Made by	Midi Hansen			Seconded		Christina Ticer	
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea		Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Personnel Recommendations						
Motion	Motion to approve the personnel recommendation as presented.						
Made by	Helen Fisk			Seconded		Julian Stanke	
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Addendum to Lease						
Motion	Motion to approve the addendum to the lease, reducing the rent by \$35,000.00 this year.						

Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Christina Ticer
Discussion			
Vote	Yea	5	Nay 0 Abstain 0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.		

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Subject	Director Update – Becky Magnuson and Lauren Ryan
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current enrollment: 132 students – ADM 132 • Charter School Fair Update • NWEA Student Winter Data Update • PYP Training – thank you to NECP for their support and paying for the training. • Upcoming Events: 2/15/16 Staff Development Day – Program of Inquiry, Rescheduling the Family and Friends Literacy Night – TBD.

NEW BUSINESS

Subject	Board Training
Discussion	Special Education Finance with Erin Wanat from Indigo Education.

Subject	Snow Day		
Motion	Motion to approve a snow day for February 3, 2016.		
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Midi Hansen
Discussion	None		
Vote	Yea	5	Nay 0 Abstain 0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.		

Subject	Charter School Board Representation Letter
Discussion	None.

OLD BUSINESS

Subject	Early Entrance and Grade Acceleration Policy (590)						
Motion	Motion to revert to the original Early Entrance and Grade Acceleration Policy (590), adopted 3/20/15, stating that all kindergarteners must turn 5 years by September 1. Revised – 8/17/15						
Made by	Helen Fisk		Seconded		Midi Hansen		
Discussion	Original policy stated that students must be 5 years old by September 1, and that was accepted 3/20/15. On 8/17/15, policy 590 was revised to state students must be 5 by October 1. After reflection and implementation, the recommendation has been made to revise the policy to revert to the original statement that kindergarteners must be 5 years of age by September 1 date.						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

AUTHORIZER INPUT

Subject	VOA Authorizer Input					
Discussion	None – no representative present.					

Subject							
Motion	Motion to close the meeting as permitted by section 13D.05, subdivision 3(a), to evaluate the performance of the director at 7:15pm.						
Made by	Helen Fisk		Seconded		Midi Hansen		
Discussion	The board commends the director for the excellent job that she has done this year, and will be offered a contract for next year, which will be negotiated.						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Re-open Meeting					
Motion	Motion to re-open the meeting.					
Made by	Helen Fisk		Seconded		Midi Hansen	
Discussion						

Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Subject	Public introduction
Discussion	Amanda Jagdeo, kindergarten teacher introduced herself.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion	Motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:46pm.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Julian Stanke				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						