

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2016: 6:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Tesfa International School

Call to order: The Board Chair, Tanya Heifort, called to order the meeting at 6:08 PM on January 11, 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)	Present
Midi Hansen (Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Present
Dillon Donnelly (Community Member)	Present
Christina Ticer (Board Member)	<i>Absent</i>
Mike McFadden (Board Member)	<i>Absent</i>
Becky Magnuson (Director and ExOfficio)	Present
Lauren Ryan (Assistant Director and ExOfficio)	Present

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
	VOA Authorizer Representative

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 Agenda with amendment						
Motion	Motion to amend the agenda as presented, with the amendment of calendar discussion to the agenda.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded		Emily Schmidt			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Draft of Minutes from December 14, 2015						
Motion	Motion to approve and accept the minutes as presented from December 14, 2015.						
Made by	Dillon Donnelly	Seconded		Emily Schmidt			
Discussion	None						

Vote		Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	1
Decision	Motion passed.						

FINANCIAL REPORT

Subject	Financial Report						
Motion	Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented.						
Made by	Julian Stanke	Seconded	Dillon Donnelly				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Audit						
Discussion	Audit was reviewed by the board. Audit was returned clean.						

Subject	Lease Renegotiation						
Motion	Motion to give Becky Magnuson authority to renegotiate the lease for the remainder of this year to improve costs.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Emily Schmidt				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Twins Wives Grant						
Motion	Motion to accept the Twins Wives Grant of \$6,399.64.						
Made by	Dillon Donnelly	Seconded	Emily Schmidt				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Licensed Staff Employment Recommendation						
Motion	Motion to accept the personnel recommendations as presented.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Julian Stanke				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Midi Hansen arrived at 6:28pm.

Subject	Calendar Adjustment						
Motion	Motion to not have a student contact day (cancelling school) on Wednesday November 26, 2015.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Julian Stanke				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

Subject	Director Evaluation						
Motion							

Made by		Seconded	
Discussion	Discussed the director evaluation process.		
Vote	Yea	Nay	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.		

NEW BUSINESS

Subject	VOA Formal Site Visit
Discussion	Board happily reviewed Formal site visit from VOA (authorizer).

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Subject	Director Update – Becky Magnuson and Lauren Ryan
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment – 126 • Marketing and recruitment • January is Re-Month • Recycling Grant for 1745 University Ave. W LLC • Upcoming Events

AUTHORIZER INPUT

Subject	None
Discussion	None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Subject	
Discussion	

ADJOURNMENT

Motion	Motion to adjourn		
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Helen
Discussion			
Vote	Yea	Nay	0
Decision			