

BOARD MEETING MINUTES- DRAFT

Monday March 13, 2017 6:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Tesfa International School

Call to order: The Board Chair, Tanya Heifort, called to order the meeting at
6:00 PM on March 13, 2017.

Board Members/Director Present or Absent:

Name	Present/Absent
Tanya Heifort (Board Chair/Community Member/Licensed Teacher)	Present
Christina Ticer (Board Member/Community Member)	Absent
Julian Stanke (Board Chair/Community Member/Licensed Teacher)	Present
Emily Schmidt (Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Present
Midi Hansen (Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Absent
Dillon Donnelly (Community Member)	Present
Lauren Ryan (Co-Director, Ex-Oficio)	Present
Mike McFadden (Board Member)	Absent
Nicole Nelson-Starks (Co-Director, Ex-Oficio)	Present
Amanda Jagdeo (Teacher)	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 Agendas						
Motion	Motion to approve the amended the agenda as presented.						
Made by	Dillon Donnelly			Seconded	Helen Fisk		
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject	Approve February 20
Motion	Motion to approve minutes from February 20, 2017.

Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Amanda Jagdeo
Discussion	None		
Vote	Yea	4	Nay 0 Abstain 2
Decision	Motion passed.		

Subject	Accept the Minutes		
Motion	Motion to accept the minutes as presented from February 13, 2017 with amendments to the Roster for clarification of board member roles.		
Made by	Amanda Jagdeo	Seconded	Emily Schmidt
Discussion	None		
Vote	Yea	5	Nay 0 Abstain 1
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.		

FINANCIAL REPORT

Subject	February 2017 Financial Report		
Motion	Motion to approve the financial report as presented.		
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Emily Schmidt
Discussion	None		
Vote	Yea	6	Nay 0 Abstain 0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.		

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

Subject	Licensed Staff Update		
Motion	Motion to approve the salary increase for Jessica Epstein		
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Julian Stanke
Discussion	None		
Vote	Yea	6	Nay 0 Abstain 0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.		

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Subject	Director Update – Lauren Ryan and Nicole Nelson-Starks		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment and Marketing • Building Update • Food and Nutrition Audit • Vendors 2017-2018 • Reading Corps Award • PYP Update • School Events Update • Upcoming Events 		

AUTHORIZER INPUT

Subject	None
Discussion	No authorizer present.

POLICY UPDATES

Subject	Policies 524 Internet, 533 Wellness, and 531 Pledge of Allegiance		
Motion	Motion to approve new policies 524, 533, and 531 as presented in the board packet.		
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Emily Schmidt

Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Subject	None						
Discussion							

Board moved to a closed meeting at 7:15pm.

Discussed performance of the co-director model and take no action.

Board reopens at 7:57pm.

Subject							
Motion	Motion to add an agenda item: Administrative Personnel for 2017-2018 school.						
Made by	Helen Fisk			Seconded	Amanda Jagdeo		
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

Subject							
Motion	Motion to empower Tanya Heifort to create a mission driven job description and advertise for a Director for Tesfa International School for the 2017-2018 school year.						
Made by	Helen Fisk			Seconded	Julian Stanke		
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

ADJOURNMENT

Motion	Motion to adjourn the school board meeting at 8:06pm						
Made by	Julian Stanke			Seconded	Amanda Jagdeo		
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						