

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES- DRAFT

Monday April 10, 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 April 10, 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
Amanda Jagdeo (Teacher)	Present
Midi Hansen (Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Present
Dillon Donnelly (Community Member)	Present
Lauren Ryan (Co-Director, Ex-Oficio)	Present
Mike McFadden (Board Member, Community Member)	Present
Nicole Nelson-Starks (Co-Director, Ex-Oficio)	Present
Helen Fisk (Board Member, Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Present

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
Dr. Charles Speiker	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**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Approval of Agendas</b>					
Motion	Motion to approve the agenda.					
Made by	Helen Fisk		Seconded	Amanda Jagdeo		
Discussion	None					
Vote	Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.					

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Accept the Minutes</b>						
Motion	Motion to accept the minutes as presented from March 13, 2017 with the amendments of attendance and the closed meeting purpose/statute.						
Made by	Amanda Jagdeo	Seconded		Dillon Donnelly			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	5	Nay	0	Abstain	2
Decision	Motion passed.						

## FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Approve Financial Report</b>						
Motion	Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded		Midi Hansen			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

<b>Subject</b>	Preliminary Budget Recommendations 2017-2018 – Addendum to board packet						
Discussion	Co-directors will revisit the preliminary budget recommendations for 2017-18. According to the draft cover page, there will be updates to items 2-7 in the preliminary budget recommendations.  Updates: Staffing, salaries, benefits, lease, and busses						

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Staffing Plan</b>						
Motion	Motion to approve the staffing plan for 2017-2018						
Made by	Mike McFadden	Seconded		Helen Fisk			
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

## DIRECTOR UPDATE

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Director Update – Lauren Ryan and Nicole Nelson-Starks</b>						
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment and Marketing – ADM 136.1</li> <li>• Building Update</li> <li>• PYP Update</li> <li>• Upcoming Events (VOA-MN Site Visit, MCA Testing)</li> </ul>						

## NEW BUSINESS

<b>Subject</b>							
Discussion							

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Lease Signing</b>						
Motion	Motion to authorize Lauren Ryan, Nicole Nelson-Stark, and Tanya Heifort to sign the lease for 1555 40 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN.						
Made by	Mike McFadden	Seconded		Julian Stanke			
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

<b>Subject</b>	<b>2017-2018 Tesfa International School Year Calendar</b>						
Motion	Motion to approve the 2017-2018 School Year Calendar as presented.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Midi Hansen				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Director Search</b>						
Motion	Motion to empower Tanya Heifort to hire a director candidate as well as negotiate salary and terms of employment.						
Made by	Dillon Donnelly	Seconded	Mike McFadden				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

#### AUTHORIZER INPUT

<b>Subject</b>	<b>None</b>
Discussion	

Policy 616 – Tabled

#### POLICY UPDATES

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Policy 806 (Crisis Management)</b>						
Motion	Motion to approve Policy 806 as presented.						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Mike McFadden				
Discussion	None						
Vote		Yea		Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision							

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

<b>Subject</b>	None
Discussion	

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion	Motion to adjourn the school board meeting at 7:58pm.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Helen Fisk				
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

