



BOARD MEETING MINUTES- DRAFT

March 3, 2015: 6:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Tesfa International School

1745 University Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55102

Call to order: The Board Chair, Tanya Heifort, called to order the meeting at 6:02 PM on March 3, 2015.

Board Members/Director Present or Absent

Name	Present/Absent
Tanya Heifort (Board Chair)	
Helen Fisk (Board Treasurer)	Present
Julian Stanke (Board Secretary)	Present
Becky Magnuson (Director and ExOfficio)	Present
Emily Schmidt (Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Present
Emily Snodgrass (Community Member)	Present (Arrived at 6:31pm)
Midi Hansen (Community Member, Licensed Teacher)	Present
Dillon Donnelly (Community Member)	Present
Lauren Ryan (Assistant Director and ExOfficio)	Present
Mike McFadden (Community Member) as of 6:08 pm	Present

Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
Mike McFadden	Guest, Board Candidate
	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						
Motion	Motion to Approve Agenda as Proposed in the Board Packet						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded		Julian Stanke			
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion Passed Unanimously.						

Subject	Approve Minutes: February 3, 2015						
Motion	Motion to approve the minutes as presented from February 3, 2015 Board meeting.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded		Helen Fisk			
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	4	Nay	0	Abstain	2
Decision	Motion passed.						

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Subject	Board Membership						
Motion	Motion to add Mike McFadden as an official Tesfa Board Member						
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded		Midi Hansen			
Discussion	Voted on at 6:08pm.						
Vote		Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

FINANCIAL REPORT

Subject	Accept Financial Report						
Motion	Motion to accept the financial report as presented.						
Made by	Emily Schmidt	Seconded		Mike McFadden			
Discussion	Assistant director salary is prorated based on a \$50,000.00. (\$25,000 for 6 months). This does not affect the budget, as those numbers were already decided upon in the budget.						
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

NEW BUSINESS

Subject	Transportation Boundaries						
Motion	Motion to accept the transportation boundaries as presented.						
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded		Dillon Donnelly			
Discussion							
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

OLD BUSINESS

Subject	School Calendar					
Motion	Motion to accept the school calendar revisions as presented.					
Made by	Helen Fisk	Seconded	Mike McFadden			
Discussion						
Vote		Yea	7	Nay		Abstain
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.					

DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR UPDATE/INPUT

Subject	Director Update: March 3, 2015					
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enrollment 2. Funding 3. Marketing and Outreach 4. Tesfa International School Fundraiser 5. Minnesota Association of Charter School Membership 6. Dickerman Park Update 					

Emily Snodgrass arrived at 6:31pm.

AUTHORIZER UPDATE/INPUT

Subject	No authorizer representative present.					
Discussion						

POLICY UPDATES

Subject	Policy 528, 531, 533,709, 791, 806					
Motion	Motion to adopt policies 528, 531, 533, 709, and 806 as presented, and table 791.					
Made by	Midi Hansen	Seconded	Emily Snodgrass			
Discussion						
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.					

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Subject	None.					
Discussion						

ADJOURNMENT

Motion	Motion to adjourn at 7:12pm.					
Made by	Emily Snodgrass	Seconded	Julian Stanke			
Discussion						
Vote		Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.					

