

Minutes
October 7, 2011

Members Present: Jenny Reiling, Nancy Dana (ex-officio), Laura Rodriguez-Gonzalez, Justin Tiarks, Melody Chalmers, Lauren Thomas

Members Absent: Scott Redinger,

Guests: Bondo Nyembwe, Maja Flom, Angela Imdieke

Mission Statement

Through the pursuit of knowledge, character building, and service to the community, the mission of St. Paul City School is to ensure a challenging education to a diverse population.

2011-2012 Goals

Comprehensive Policy Review
Review and Revise Strategic Plan

1. **Public Forum:** Fifteen minutes are available for the public to address the board.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Justin Tiarks called the meeting to order at 4:48. A motion is needed to approve the agenda. Items 4 and 5 will be struck from the agenda. Added to Item 7 a resolution for a candidate for the extended-day coordinator. Motion to approve the agenda with noted changes: Jenny Reiling Moved, Lauren Thomas Seconded, APPROVED.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** (Attachment A): A motion is needed to approve the September 16, 2011 minutes. Jenny Reiling Moved, Lauren Thomas Seconded, APPROVED.
Open Community Seats update
4. **Reports:**
 - a. Financial Report and Finance Committee Report (Attachment B), Year-End Report (Attachment K), New Budget (Attachment L): We are right where we should be and are being very cautious. Lease aid is beginning to arrive. We closed FY2011 with a positive fund balance. A motion to approve the monthly budget: Laura Rodriguez-Gonzalez Moved, Jenny Reiling Seconded, APPROVED.
New budget reflects an ADM of 335 instead of 340. A motion to approve the new budget at 335 ADM: Melody Chalmers Moved, Jenny Reiling Seconded, APPROVED.
 - b. Executive Director's Report (Attachment C): We will not know anything new on the reauthorization process until November. We received our AYP scores, and we are still awaiting the decision from the state.
 - c. Principal update (Attachment D): No report
 - d. Committee Reports
 - Governance Committee: No report*
 - Board Development Committee: No report*
 - Committee membership and expectations*
 - e. Preschool Update (Attachment E): Grant discussed is due today, and we are unsure if the grant was submitted.
 - f. Curriculum Update (Attachment F): Discussed the AYP results on the Spring MCAs. Also discussed the NWEA test as a predictor for the

MCAs. Showed substantial growth throughout the school year. The numbers this fall for students at-risk is similar to the the numbers of students at-risk last fall. The overall average is increasing. Presented with the curricular needs the board should consider when setting the budget. The board asked for specific amounts for curriculum and research. We could use that information for grant writing as well. Asked for data on kindergarteners – the difference between kindergarteners who attended the pre-k program and those who did not.

- g.** Special Education Update (Attachment G): No report. We have a contracted speech person. We have not seen an OT. The board will contact Cori Wahl to see if staffing is complete.
- h.** English Language Learner Update (Attachment H): MN has joined the WIDA Consortium, which will provide professional development, resources, and more. All students are being assessed, and it is nearly complete. TEAE tests show that our EL students outperform the state. For two years in a row, the EL program has made AMAO. The EL program has set new target indexes for math and reading content ability.

- 5. Approval of New Staff:** The Board needs to approve the job description for the position of extended programs coordinator (Attachment I): Change from parent workshops to Parent University.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board approves the position of extended programs coordinator. Jenny Reiling Moved, Laura Rodriguez-Gonzalez Seconded, APPROVED.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the board accepts Maja Flom for the extended programs coordinator. Jenny Reiling Moved, Melody Chalmers Seconded, APPROVED.

- 6. SPCS ANNUAL REPORT** The Annual Report was submitted on time to MDE on October 1, 2011. The Board received a copy ahead of time and approved it via email. The Board is now asked to affirm that approval by resolution.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board approves the 2010-2011 Annual Report. Katie Holmes Moved, Laura Rodriguez-Gonzalez Seconded, APPROVED.

7. Items to be Considered at the Next Meeting:

- Special Education
- Academic Dashboard Discussion
- Follow up with board membership

8. Next Meeting: November 11, 2011 at 7:00 am

Discussion of meeting times and date change for the remainder of the year

- 9. Future Agenda Priorities:** Time permitting, the Board is urged to examine this list to consider additions and the relative importance for future agendas.

- Social Action/ Community Service Report
- Academic Dashboard

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10. Adjourned at 6:07. Jenny Reiling Moved, Laura Rodriguez-Gonzalez Seconded,
APPROVED.