

DULUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACADEMY

Meeting of Members

DATE/LOCATION: May 16, 2017 at DECS North Star Academy

PRESENT: Neil Byce, Chair; Tim Golden, Past-President; Hilary Hodgman, Treasurer; Andrew Richey, Vice-Treasurer; Katie Cronin-Anderson, Secretary; Lisa Harold, Nikki Jensen, Jill Kandel, Mike St. John, Stephen Sydow and Ryan Welch

ABSENT:

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

Approval of Agenda

- Motion made (Byce), second (Kandel) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT:

- Duluth Edison Charter Schools is dedicated to the achievement of academic and personal excellence for every student.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion made (Byce), second (St. John) to approve the meeting minutes for April 18, 2017 as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

Special Presentation

- Technology Community Service Class

Correspondence/Communication:

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Public Comment:

None

****Conflict of Interest Reminder on Voting****

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report

Hilary Hodgman presented the treasurer's report. Supporting materials provided.

Donations accepted:

\$ 70	Nicole Wegler - Wells Fargo Matching
<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>Campus Park - Robotics Donation</u>
\$2,570	Total Donations Received

Head of School's Report

Bonnie Jorgenson presented the Head of School's Report. Supporting materials Provided.

- Motion made (Byce), second (Cronin-Anderson) for the approval of the 2016-2017 personnel list updated since April 18, 2017. Motion unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee

Neil Byce presented the Executive Committee minutes from May 16, 2017. Supporting materials provided.

- Motion made (Byce), second (Cronin-Anderson) to amend the calendar to reflect Raleigh's Intake Conferences on August 24 and 25. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Byce), second (St. John) to renew the membership at MACS for the 2017-2018 at a cost of \$7,037. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Byce), second (St. John) to approve the special education director contract with Indigo Education for 2017-2018 for \$20,000. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Byce), second (Richey) to amend the teacher evaluation handbook per the handout at the 5/16/2017 meeting. Motion unanimously approved with teachers abstaining from vote.
- There is a long standing culture of and in our community for longer school day and school year. Administration will be making adjustments to allow for increased work time by 10 minutes for teachers

Finance Committee

Hilary Hodgman presented the Finance Committee minutes from April 17, 2017. Supporting materials provided.

- Motion made (Hodgman), second (Kandel) for the approval of an expenditure of \$50,000 for the purchase of a 14-15 passenger van. Motion unanimously approved.

Board Development/Personnel Committee

Mike St. John presented update.

20th Anniversary Task Force

Hilary Hodgman presented a task force update.

High School Facilities Steering Committee

Discussion will be held at closed session.

Administrative Committee Report:

High School Site and Finance Taskforce

Did not meet.

Other Business

- Motion made (Byce), second (Kandel) to approve the updated DPSA CSD#4020 Literacy Plan. Motion unanimously approved.
- Motion made (Byce), second (St. John) to approve the revised 2016-2017 calendar, with April 26, 2017 to reflect a bad weather day.

Moved to closed meeting at 7:31 p.m.

- High School Update and Planning - Property known as Snowflake, Rice Lake Road, Duluth, MN
- Student Concern - Potential Litigation

Exit closed session at 8:29 p.m.

Opened meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Neil Byce adjourned meeting at 8:31 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Aundrea Kinziger

Aundrea Kinziger, DPSA Recorder