

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 5:34PM

Location: Metro Schools, Cafeteria

**Call to order:** The Board Secretary, Lakisha Witter, called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM on Thursday, January 21, 2016.

**Board Members Present or Absent:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
Abdulkadir Abdalla (Board Chair & Community Member)	A
Mohamed Mohamud (Vice Chair & Community Member)	A
Lakisha Witter (Secretary & Teacher Board Member)	P
Osman Samatar (Parent Board Member)	P
Mohammad Osman (Community Board Member)	P
Alia, O'Loughlin (Treasure& Teacher Board Member)	A
Megan Ormseth (Community Board Member)	P

**Guests and Community Members Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Role</b>
Ahmed Elmi	School Director of Metro Schools
Pat Aylward and Tim Grootwassink	Grootwassink Real Estate
Aaliyah Hodges	ACNW Intern

**Metro Schools' Mission**

Metro Schools College Prep is committed to academic excellence and closing the achievement gap by establishing rigorous goals for students, parents, teachers and the school. Metro Schools College Prep values cultural, religious, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity as central elements of a college preparatory education and provides a caring learning community that prepares students and staff to be responsible world citizens.

**Metro Schools' Vision**

The vision of Metro Schools is for our students to have a steadfast belief in their worth as human beings and that they will be prepared socially and academically to fulfill their aspirations in a changing, challenging world community. We aim to be widely recognized as the most effective model for closing the achievement gap and preparing students for careers in the 21st century.

**Call to Order**

**1. Parent Meeting :**

<b>Subject</b>	Parent Meeting
<b>Discussion</b>	Parents from the community met with the present board members to address any questions they had and participated in board election for board chair. Parents were also able to give their input in regards to building expansion proposal.

**2. Facility Update**

<b>Subject</b>	Facility Update
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School currently doesn't have a gym, the school has found a prospect building that has a gym.</li> </ul>

**3. New Building Proposal**

<b>Subject</b>	New Building Proposal
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>The board members discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Timeline of the completion of building phase 1 and phase 2</b> Projected date August 2017(phase 1); no projected date for phase 2</li> <li>• <b>Size capacity</b> The building expansion is proposed to have 21 classroom(23x24); 3 offices; 68 parking lots; maximum occupancy of 600</li> <li>• <b>Cost of Building</b> The contracted estimated 1.9 million for the building and an additional 1.5 million to build. Contract will be responsible for purchasing the building, and will look for additional money to assist with the building/remolding.</li> <li>• <b>Modification need for phase 1</b> Classroom sizes, staff lounge, location of gym,</li> </ul>

Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM by Lakisha Witter, the Board Secretary.