

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 30th, 2016th, from 2:05 PM –3: 30 PM

Location of Meeting: Metro Schools, Room 105

- I. Call to order:** The Board Chair, Abdulkadir Abdalla, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM on Friday, September 30th, 2016.

II. Board Members Present or Absent:

Name	Present/Absent
Abdulkadir Abdalla (Board Chair & Community Member)	P
Mohamed Mohamud (Vice Chair & Community Member)	P
Aila O’Louglin(Board Treasury &) Teacher	P
Megan Ormseth (Community Board Member)	P
Osman Samatar (Parent Board Member)	A
Mohammad Osman (Community Board Member)	A

III. Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
Ahmed Elmi	School Director of Metro Schools
Robert Procaccini, CPA	Finance Representative (Dieci School Finance, LLC)
Kellein curt	School legal counsel
Katia, colon-holmer	School Academic dean/ Assistant
John Slavic	Middle School Dean/ EE Director
Lucy Geech	College Prep Teacher
Megan Quick	5 th grade teacher
Mohamed Wargame	Middle Math Teacher
Zachary Kostka	H. School ESL Teacher
David Greenberg	Director of Charter School Authorizing- Audubon Center
Maggie Kane	CS Intern- Audubon

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.

I. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: A quorum was established and no conflict declared.

II. Public Comments: There was no any public comments

III. Approval of Consent Agenda: The August Board Meeting Minute have been approved unanimously by Metro Board of Directors. Aila moved the motion to approve the August Board Minutes, seconded by Megan.

IV. Action Items

A. Monthly financials for August: The financials for the months of August was presented by Dieci, followed by discussions

B. After the initial training, also she is no longer with the school. Therefore, it is regarding questions on specific charges. Aila, the board treasurer has also shared that she and leydi had worked on credit card charges and receipts. Then, the Metro board of directors have unanimously approved the August financials. Abdalla put a motion and seconded by Magen.

C. Lakisha's status as a board member; Keillen explained that according to the current bylaws, Lakisha did not finish her required training a violation for her to continue being a member. Due to this finding, the board members voted for her removal from the membership of the board.

D. Board Election Day/Board Secretary; the board members voted the board election day to be on November 11th, 2016. In the same vote, the Board assigned Leydi Millan to be the note taker for the board meetings. Mohamed M. moved the motion, seconded by Megan, and the motion was approved unanimously.

E. Conflict Resolution Procedure Policy; the policy has been presented by Keillen, and the board members decided to read it and vote it in the next board meeting.

F. List of New Staff; the following staff has been approved by the board members unanimously. Aila moved the motion, seconded by Mohamed.

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1. Hussein Nur
 2. Ifrah Farah
 3. Abdulkadir Hassan
 4. Saido Yusuf
 5. Barka Omar
 6. and Allissa Carsten

V. Reports, Discussion Items and Updates

A. Audubon Updates; David Greenberg, director of charter school authorizing- Audubon center presented according to the Audubon evaluations and monitoring, the probationary contract which includes the benchmark school improvement plan (Exhibit S), Audubon determined that the meaningful progress was made over the course of 2015/2016 school year. In some areas, a minimal progress was made, and in others, Metro partially met a partial satisfaction of Exhibit S and the contract to date. Furthermore, David pinpointed and highlighted the areas that needed improvement. In addition, David provided updated exhibit S and the expectations of the contract.

B. Environmental Education; John Slavic, the school environmental education coordinator presented the plan laid out by the school to implement Environmental Education Curriculum (EEC) at Metro. He further explained to the board members why environmental education was important for Metro schools. Also, he mentioned that his work with Erin from Audubon to modify the current environmental goals to an attainable goals.

C. Academic Updates; Katia, the school academic dean presented NWEA and MCA data. Katia made a comparison from fall 2015 to fall 2016 data. Her report stated that almost every student who took the test last fall at Metro made a significant progress, especially Middle School. She also mentioned that there were a lot of students whom we did not have of any data. There was a discussion regarding how the school would improve academically. There were suggestions of visiting other schools and sending more people to trainings, but Katia mentioned that the current strategy and the leadership of the school had been focusing on this issue already very hard.

IX. **Adjourn** 3:30 p.m. Next Regular Board Meeting: 2:00 p.m., October 28, 2016, Room-105