

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2018, from 2:00 PM –2: 50 PM

Location of Meeting: Metro Schools, Room 105

- I. Call to order:** The Board Chair, Abdulkadir Abdalla, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM on April 27, 2018

**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'Loughlin (Board Treasury) Teacher	A
Megan Ormseth (Community Board Member)	A
Mohamed Gudal (Parent Board Member)	P
Mohamed Warsame (Teacher Member)	P
Osman Mohamud	P

**III. Guests and Community Members Present:**

Name	Position/Role
Ahmed Elmi	School Director of Metro Schools
Katia Colon-Holmers	
Abdiweli Mohamed	High school dean
Kalyn Botzet	Teacher
Ms. Trudy	Admin
Ms. Jenny	Teacher
Kellein curt	School legal counsel
David & Guest	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.

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

**V. Public Comments:** There was no public comments.

**VI. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Elmi requested that a new agenda be added to the agenda items under discussion. The new agenda, The Current Environmental Education program was therefore added to the agenda item list. After that, both of the March Board Meeting Minutes and April Agenda items were approved by the board members unanimously. Mohamed moved it first and was seconded by Abdalla.

**VII. Action Items**

- a. **March Financials:** Robert discussed the March financials in greater detail. He stated that there was a loss in the fund balance for a negative amount of \$108,959. The cash is still strong and as usual is based on the State paying aid based on an ADM of 365 students. There is a holdback of 10%. The revenue which stood at 58% was surpassed by the expenses which hovered around 68% of the budget. The food bill is not reflected in this summary, but will probably be coming later in the next financial summary. More money is projected to be added to the school budget in May as school aid and the State money are expected to be released to the school general fund. Abdalla asked the members if anyone had a question about the financial report. Several questions were raised, all of which were answered by Robert. Then Abdalla moved the motion to approve the March financials and was seconded by Mohamed. The board then unanimously approved the motion.
- b. **Mission Modification:** Metro Schools College Prep has a new mission statement. It reads as follows:  
“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 and environmental stewards”.  
The board wanted to know the reasons behind the statement change. School representatives acknowledged the importance of having a statement that reflects the school’s emphasis in teaching environmental literacy to our students. The board recognize it and agrees the need for the change. Warsame moved the motion and Osman seconded it, after which the whole board voted in favor of it unanimously.
- c. **Exhibit G Review:** Ms. Trudy came to the board having had some questions about school goals for David who was not present at the meeting. The questions

pertained to Exhibit G which is related to academic performance goals for the contractual period starting on July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Since David was not available and thus unable to answer to her questions, she nevertheless indicated her concerns about some of the goals. In her statement, she stressed the need for the school with Audubon's blessings to amend some of its contractual goals with the school so that these goals can be realistically met. For example, Trudy commented on the school's inability to track down their students' progress beyond high school in order to collect data that shows that the students are continuing their education in college. Abdalla gave Trudy the name of the college advisory person at his school and asked her to contact that person for more information about how to be able to obtain data about students once they have left high school for college.

### **VIII. Reports, Discussion Items and Updates**

- School Board Training-Topic: How to Evaluate the School Leader.
  - i. Read and Discuss: A copy of this topic was provided to the Board and members are expected to read it.
- Reauthorization Updates-Audubon: Still in the process of being completed.
  - ii. Exhibit G Review
- Academic Update: Katia discussed the current MCA testing and the school's EL program. She said the EE program needed restructuring in order to meet the Audubon's environmental literacy goals. There were some questions about Exhibit G which were also discussed in the meeting.
- EE update: A presentation on the current EE plan for Metro Schools was given by Ms. Botzet (Middle School EE Coordinator), and Ms. Jenny (High School EE Coordinator). They both explained in great detail where the program is and where it is headed. They said that about 2/3 of the EE program was completed so far and some lessons were modified in an attempt to realistically complete all by the end of the school year. 61% of the students have written strong letters to future generations about climate change. The goal is 70%. Earth Day activities centered around using math and art to determine and reduce carbon footprints. A lot of teachers have developed even more environmental education lessons into their own subject curriculum that was not included in the ELP. Finally, the AP Biology for instance have designed multiple presentations and a petition for all staff and students at Metro to sign to encourage buses turn off their engines when they pick up and drop off students. The data about the milk carton collection is being compiled. Ms. Botzet also said that she will be more involved in the EE program next year to make sure we will be implementing the schoolwide environmental literacy program.
- Director Evaluation: Warsame said that the evaluation by the board subcommittee which he is a member of was almost complete and will share the data with the board in the next board meeting.
- Facility updates: No updates on the facility was given as the building was in good condition.

IX. **Adjourned** by Gudal at 3:29 PM. ` Next Regular Board Meeting: 4/25/2018, Room-Conference Room