

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 30, March 30, 2018, from 2:04 PM –3:29 PM

Location of Meeting: Metro Schools, Room 105

I. Call to order: The Board Chair, Abdulkadir Abdalla, called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM on March 30, 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

III. Guests and Community Members Present:

Name	Position/Role
Ahmed Elmi	School Director of Metro Schools
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:

Both the March meeting agenda and February Board Meeting Minutes were perused by the board members. The board was then able to move both of them for a vote to approve. Abdalla moved the motion and Warsame seconded it. The motion then passed unanimously.

I. Action Items

A. Financials/Revised Budget for 2017-18 & 2018-19

Robert discussed school financials. some of the points he made during the presentation are as follows:

- School enrollment has increased. The school is expecting a lot of compensatory revenue (about \$400,000). Projections for the fund balance in the next year expected to decrease to about 22% due to the high expenditure that was incurred by the school this year. However, the fund balance could go up provided that big purchases are not made. This year, the lease aid is expected to go up. The way the lease is structured is dependent upon the number of students enrolled at the school. Robert added that the state owes the school about \$30,000 and more special aid money was coming in. He also talked about the February financials which showed strong cash.

Transportation: Transportation expenses went up due to student increase. Also, the school lost some money because of the cost of food service that increased up a little bit. Robert concluded that the board needs to approve a revised budget by May 31st, 2018.

Elmi added that higher expenses are expected in the next few months. Summer school is coming up and the expense will go up. Also higher expense will be reflected in the budget as the school continue to hire new employees. Some of the new hiring jobs that school filled include a security guard, two basketball coaches; one for girls and one for boys.

A motion to approve the February financials was put forward by Mr. Abdalla, and was seconded by Mohamed. The board then unanimously approved the motion.

B. Academic updates: No updates were given as the academic person was not available to discuss the current academic situation of the school and its environmental literacy program. However, Elmi stressed the need for the school to modify and amend the school's mission in order to better serve the students. It is clear that the community the school serves entrusted their kids to our school in order to educate them. Many of our students are new to the country and therefore in need of more services in mathematics and reading. Based on these specific needs, the school would propose to amend its mission statement to cater to the needs of our students.

C. Reports, Discussion Items and Updates

Reauthorization Updates-Audubon: David from Audubon made a presentation that took about 20 minutes. He discussed the current situation of the reauthorization process with Metro Schools. some of the notable points he made during the presentation are as follows:

The new contract must be done by July 1st. spend time on the contract template, the language, the requirements and the contractual goals for the next few weeks. This is a contract so you must pay attention to the details. He said that he had already talked to Elmi about the steps and the exhibits on the template which discuss contractual goals that school must meet. These must be completed

by Monday 31st for us to go to the process of approving the final contractual goals with the school. He elaborated for the need for the school to make some adjustments to their missions and goals since they know the unique needs of their students. The school can choose innovative teaching strategies to cater to the needs of their students if they think that is a good idea. Finally, David made it clear that he was open to working with the school achieve its objectives. David was asked if he would be able to help the school increase its enrolment cap. Again, David said he wanted to know what the school's needs were and how they were going to accommodate more students. He wanted to see the school's reauthorization forms completed before Audubon would consider such request.

Board Training updates: Elmi proposed that two board members that needed training should contact Keillen in order to complete their training. Those two members are Aila and Gudal. Keillen said that he was willing to help train the members as soon as they were ready for the training.

IX. **Adjourned** by Gudal at 3:29 PM. ` Next Regular Board Meeting: 4/27/3018, Room-Conference Room