

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, May 4<sup>h</sup>, 2018, from 2:10 PM –2: 41 PM

Location of Meeting: Metro Schools, Room Conference Room

**I. Call to order:** Megan called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**II. Board Members Present or Absent:**

Name	Present/Absent
Abdulkadir Abdalla (Board Chair & Community Member)	A
Mohamed Mohamud (Vice Chair & Community Member)	P via Facetime (after the meeting has started).
Aila O'Loughlin (Board Treasury &) Teacher	A
Megan Ormseth (Community Board Member)	P
Osman Salah Samatar (Parent Board Member)	P
Mohamed Warsame (Teacher Member)	P
Mohamed Gudal	P

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

Name	Position/Role
Ahmed Elmi	School Director of Metro Schools
Kellein Curtis	School legal counsel (on the phone)
Abdiweli Mohamed	High School dean

### **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 any public comments.

**VI. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Discussion on the Letter of Intent for an Expansion:

The board meeting agenda was voted on and approved by board members unanimously. Osman moved it and was seconded by Warsame.

**VII. Reports, Discussion Items and Updates**

**Grade Level Proposed Expansion:** The school's board of directors had a substantive discussion on the proposed expansion. Several questions were exchanged with Mr. Elmi concerning the proposed expansion. Some of the questions raised by board members are as follows:

- Do we have the logistics, the space and the personnel before we consider expanding?
- Are we ready to accommodate elementary school students?

Elmi answered to these questions by stating that the school's intention is to get the license and then start planning and preparing for future classes. He said that the school's objective is to add one or two classes at a time per year if needed. This is a long-term strategy which will boost the school's strategy to recruit from within. If Prodeo leaves, the school wants to have the wherewithal and the means necessary to accommodate future growth. Elmi said unequivocally that the school will have the planning needed to accommodate future growth once the expansion is approved. Abdiweli indicated that many parents whose students go to different elementary schools came to the school on many occasions asking if the Metro Schools would be expanding to enroll their elementary-age students at the school. "The parents want us to offer this opportunity for their kids" he added.

At the end of the discussion, the item was voted on. All present board members voted in favor of the motion except Megan who abstained. The motion was moved by Gudal and was seconded by Osman.

**IX. Adjourned:** 2: 41 PM. Next Regular Board Meeting: 2:00 p.m., May 25, 2018, Room-105