



*Excell Academy*  
Board Meeting Parts A&B  
Date: 5.17. 2018

<u>Board Members:</u>		<u>Term. Beg/End</u>
	John Allen	July 2015/18
	Oliver Spraggins	July 2016/19
	René Isuk	July 2015/18
	Steven Cole	July 2016/19
	Casey Morrissette	July 2015/18
	Julie James	July 2017/20
	Edna Granger	Aug 2017/18
	Monica McGill	July 2017/20
	Katy Yelle	July 2017/20

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Board Members Attendance: Oliver Spraggins, John Allen, Monica McGill, Edna Granger, Katy Yelle, Julie James, Steven Cole

Other Attendance: Sabrina Williams, CEO – Ex Officio: Candace Dunbar – Recorder,

Guest: Julie McCarthy, Riki Baker, Amber Merrigan

Absent: Rene Isuk, Casey Morrissette

Approvals & Discussions:

I. **Call to order:** at 5:38 pm by Chair

**Quorum:** Yes, 7 of 9 members present

**Introductions:**

**Consent Agenda:** No Consent items

II. **Financial Responsibility:** Food service is looking better through the end of the month, showing a \$10k loss. We haven't received any invoices come through since February, Nichole will look into obtaining those. With that the claims will offset and hopefully keep us on track for the budget. The revised budget for this year is finished. The original budget was based off of 398ADM and the revised is based off of 425ADM. Next year budget is also in the works.

- John Allen made the motion to accept the April financials, Julie James second the motion. All were in favor.

- Katy Yelle made the motion to table the discussion for the FY18 revised budget, Oliver Spraggins second the motion. All were in favor.

**III. Governance/Operations: Board Operations & Review:**

**April Meeting Minutes:** Candace Dunbar read April's Meeting minutes.

- Monica McGill made the motion to approve April's meeting minutes, Edna Granger second the motion. 6 yay's, 0 nay's, and I abstain. Motion passed by unanimous decision.

**IV. Ambassadorship & Development:** Working on strategic plan for Gala.

**V. Director Monitoring and Evaluation:** Edna Granger gave an update on the CEO Succession and Strategic Plan. After reviewing several Firms the committee is recommending CLA. The board would like to review the actual proposal before they can approve recommended Firm. Discussion tabled to next meeting.

- Katy Yelle made the motion to table Strategic Plan discussion until next meeting, Monica McGill second the motion. All were in favor.

**VI. Other Business:** Katy Yelle expressed concerns about Board Elections and Nominating committee nominating process and not accepting a nomination one week before election date. She stated that the process and deadline was not clearly relayed to members. After much discussion the Board allowed motion for adding another candidate to ballot.

- Katy Yelle made the motion to add Riki Bakers name to the election ballot, Julie James second the motion. 2 yays, 4 nays, and 1 abstain. Motion did not pass by majority decision.
- Katy Yelle made a motion to table the discussion around Board policies for nominating/election process, Julie James second the motion. All were in favor.

**Meeting moved to second part Annual Meeting:** see attached agenda

**PART B - Annual Meeting & Elections**

**Board Member Introductions:** John Allen introduced current board members and candidates up for elections. Current members up for re-election are: Casey Morrissette, John Allen, Edna Granger and new candidate was Jartue Kroma.

**2017-18 School Year Overview:** Sabrina Williams gave an overview of the 2017-18 school year including student body make up, and new and expanded programs that started this year, i.e, Spanish class, Voluntary Pre-K Readiness, and Musical.

Sharleen Blanco along with 2 students gave an overview of what has gone on this year with our Environmental Contract goals. How the teachers are connecting Environment education and the classroom by integrated "real life" materials and/or scenarios into the classrooms, by taking the students outside for a math class or discussing scientific principles during reading, and by going on hands-on field trips related to plants, animals, or the environment i.e, ACNW, Mn Zoo, and the Arboretum to name a few. Also we were able to bring awareness into the community by placing plant hangars on the doors of the houses they passed by along the "Walk for Education."

Justin Balvin & Tom Anderson gave an overview of our Academic contractual goals. The overall student average grew in proficiency at a faster rate (.09) than their peers in the state.

**Special Awards:** John Allen read the names of the candidates to receive the Teacher of the Year award to Mrs. Nancy Young, and the Staff of the Year award to Mr. Sam Christofferson. Mrs. Williams presented the Volunteer of the Year award to Ms. Monica McGill.

**Election Results:** John Allen & Edna Granger was re-elected as Community members on the board and Jartu Kroma was elected as a Teacher member on the board.

- Steven Cole made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm, Monica McGill second

Confirmation of date and time of next meeting: Thursday June 28, 2018

Approved June 28, 2018

  
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John Allen, Board Chair

6-28-18  
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