

STA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2021

3820 Emerson Ave N, Minneapolis 55412 - Via Zoom

MISSION

STA supports families by embracing change when necessary for the good of the children and serving as a bridge to the community. Staff at STA is dedicated to and held accountable for providing a learning experience that is culturally relevant, challenging and fun.

Item	Description
1.	<p>Call to Order Pam Young called to order a <u>scheduled</u> meeting of the Sojourner Truth Academy School Board meeting at 7:03 a. m. on <u>Tuesday, January 26, 2021</u> <u>via Zoom</u>.</p> <hr/> <p>The following persons were present:</p> <p>Members: Pam Young, Robbi Holdreith, Gina Privratsky, Michael Williams,, Margaret Fitzgerald, Laverne Wesley, Eliana Salgado Guzman</p> <p>Ex-Officio: Julie Guy</p> <p>Guests: Paris Ford, Sarah Toley, Troy Kipper, Franklin Fletcher, Paula Latourneau</p>
2.	<p>BOARD OPERATIONS: Action Items</p> <p>A. Approval of Agenda:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Gina Privratsky made a motion to approve the agenda.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Pam Young 2nd the motion.</p> <p>Motion was passed <u>unanimously</u>.</p> <hr/> <p>B. Review and approval of <u>December 2020 minutes</u>:</p> <p>Approval subject to the following correction: STA is being paid on an ADM of 329.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Pam Young made a motion to approve the <u>December 2020</u> minutes.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Robbi Holdreith 2nd the motion.</p>

The motion was passed [unanimously](#).

C. Financials

- STA is being paid on an ADM of 330.
 - Current ADM: 330
- Total revenue stands at [_46%_](#) of the budget; expenditures are at [_46%_](#) of the budget with [_50%_](#) of the year completed.
- The school continues to have a healthy cash flow
- Holdbacks: [_\\$288,663.00_](#)

[Pam Young](#) made a motion to approve the October 2020 financials.

[Margaret Fitzgerald](#) 2nd the motion.

Motion was passed [unanimously](#).

D. RFP

We have received only one proposal from TNTP (The New Teacher Project) which is prohibitively expensive. We have also learned that our two lead contacts at PUC are either no longer with the organization or about to go on a leave of absence. These factors along with the unknown factors of the Governor's new Due North plan which could have a significant impact on our schedule, budget and operations give us cause to make a plan to 1) take a week to thoroughly read and acquaint ourselves with the TNTP proposal, 2) Table the decision to accept this plan, 3) discuss further this plan and whether or not to reopen the search for another partner. We agreed to all read thoroughly the TNTP plan and to forward our questions, comments, concerns to Julie by this Friday, January 29, 2021.

[Robbi Holdrieth](#) made a motion to read, table and discuss the TNTP proposal

[Michael Williams](#) 2nd the motion

The motion was passed [unanimously](#).

3.	<p>BOARD OPERATIONS: Non-Action Items</p> <p>A. Mission Minute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laverne Wesley spoke about a student who is so diligent, he calls her to make sure that he is completing his assignments correctly. He is engaged, connected and pursuing success. <p>No one was assigned the February Mission Minute.</p> <p>B. Data Sharing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 82% of our Pre-K to 5th grade will return to the building in February for in person learning. 18% will remain in distance learning. ● STA has been allotted 33 doses of the COVID vaccine. ● 28 scholars are enrolled in our childcare program ● Average Daily Attendance remains steady at 76% ● We anticipate access to more ESSER funds in the amount of \$555,000 ● Initial Fastbridge data in Math and Reading shows slight losses in the category of College Readiness and slight gains in the category of High Risk
	<p>C. Annual Meeting and Board Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The annual meeting will take place virtually on February 25 ● We have 3 board members who are running unopposed for re-election ● The Board will create a video which will be posted on our Facebook and Youtube Channel ● Paula is creating a virtual ballot ● It is necessary to have 10% participation (32 votes) in order for the election to be valid.
	<p>There was no new business.</p>
4.	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next meeting: February 23, 2021 at 7:00 a. m. ● Pam Young adjourned the meeting at _7:56 am._____ <p>Pam Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting.</p>

	Gina Privratsky 2nd the motion.
	Motion was passed unanimously .

Minutes submitted by
Robbi Holdreith, Board Secretary