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STA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 23, 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 7:06 a. m. on <u>Tuesday, March 23, 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</p> <p>Not Present: Eliana Guzman Salgado</p> <p>Ex-Officio: Julie Guy</p> <p>Guests: Sarah Toley, Troy Kipper, Paula Latourneau, Robert Procaccini, Paris Ford, Larry McKenzie</p>
2.	<p>BOARD OPERATIONS: Action Items</p> <hr/> <p>A. Approval of Agenda:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Pam Young made a motion to approve the agenda.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Margaret Fitzgerald 2nd the motion.</p> <p>Motion was passed <u>unanimously</u>.</p> <hr/> <p>B. Review and approval of <u>February 23, 2021</u> minutes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Gina Privratsky made a motion to approve the <u>February 23, 2021</u> minutes.</p>

Pam Young 2nd the motion.

The motion was passed [unanimously](#).

C. Financials

- STA is being paid on an ADM of 329.
 - Current ADM: 330
- As of February 28, 2021 total revenue stands at [\\$3,910,975.61](#) or [58%](#) of the budget; expenditures are at [\\$4,124,456.80](#) or [60%](#) of the budget with [67%](#) of the school year completed.
- The school continues to have a healthy cash flow
- Estimated Holdbacks: [_\\$384,884.00](#)
- FY2021 SEDRA was completed on 1/20/2021
- PPE loan was forgiven on March 3, 2021.

Gina Privratsky made a motion to approve the [February 2021](#) financials.

Pam 2nd the motion.

Young

The motion was passed [unanimously](#).

D. Summer School

- Julie proposed funding a 4 week summer school program whose focus would be academic, concentrating on the power standards in math and reading. There would be planning days on June 1, 2, and 3 with school beginning on June 8 (M-Th) running through July 1, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Breakfast and lunch to be provided along with transportation. Staff wishing to work would need to apply. Hourly wage set at 20% above current average per hour rate for licensed teaching staff and support staff. We would like to have one class per grade level. ELL and SPED involvement as yet to be determined.

Robbi Holdreith made a motion to approve summer school 2021 plans

Margaret Fitzgerald 2nd the motion

The motion was passed [unanimously](#).

3. BOARD OPERATIONS: Non-Action Items

A. Mission Minute:

- No one had a Mission Minute today. [Sarah Toley](#) volunteered to provide the Mission Minute at the April meeting.

	<p>B. Data Sharing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Guy shared attendance data which shows clearly that returning to in person learning has been advantageous to our students as we have seen a 61% decrease in chronic absenteeism since coming back into the building. Using PRESS and Read Naturally, our Interventionists have seen a 72% increase in Fall to Winter Benchmark tests which can also be attributed to in person learning. Julie also shared data on COVID trends. We experienced 6 weeks of return to in person learning without an outbreak. On Thursday, March 11 a Pre-K scholar was reported by their mother as testing positive to COVID. The decision was made to shut down the Pre-K classroom as well as a Second Grade Classroom where the scholar had a sibling. Both classes will quarantine for a full 14 days and will return to in person learning on Friday, March 26.
	<p>C. Retirement of Sarah Toley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie announced that Sarah Toley, Director of Teaching and Learning will be retiring as of June 14 2021. An external search has begun for her replacement.
4.	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting: April 20, 2021 at 7:00 a. m. Pam Young adjourned the meeting at 7:45 am._____ <p style="text-align: center;">Pam Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Margaret Fitzgerald 2nd the motion.</p> <p>Motion was passed unanimously.</p>

Minutes submitted by
Robbi Holdreith, Board Secretary