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**STA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**June 15, 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><b>Call to Order</b>  <a href="#">Pam Young</a> called to order a <u>scheduled</u> meeting of the Sojourner Truth Academy School Board meeting at 7:00 a. m. on <a href="#">June 15, 2021</a> via <u>Zoom</u>.</p> <hr/> <p>The following persons were present:</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Pam Young, Robbi Holdreith, Gina Privratsky, Michael Williams,, Margaret Fitzgerald, Laverne Wesley</p> <p><b>Not Present:</b> Eliana Guzman Salgado</p> <p><b>Ex-Officio:</b> Julie Guy</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Troy Kipper, Paula Latourneau, Robert Procaccini, Paris Ford, Samantha Diaz</p>
2.	<p><b>BOARD OPERATIONS: Action Items</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>A. Approval of Agenda:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Pam Young</a>   made a motion to approve the agenda.</p>

Gina Privratsky | 2nd the motion.

Motion was passed [unanimously](#).

**B. Review and approval of May 18, 2021 minutes:**

Gina Privratsky | made a motion to approve the [May 18, 2021](#) minutes.

Margaret Fitzgerald | 2nd the motion.

The motion was passed [unanimously](#).

**C. Financials**

- STA is being paid on an ADM of 329.
  - Current ADM: 327
- As of May 31, 2021 total revenue stands at [\\$5,456,332](#) or [81%](#) of the budget; expenditures are at [\\$5,933,684](#) or [78%](#) of the budget with [86%](#) of the school year completed.
- The school continues to have a healthy cash flow
- Estimated Holdbacks: [\\_ \\$529,215](#)

Margaret Fitzgerald | made a motion to approve the [May 2021](#) financials.

Pam Young | 2nd the motion.

The motion was passed [unanimously](#).

**D. New Hire - Schoolwide Interventionist**

- Ms. Ford announced that an Interventionist has been hired - Gina LaPenta

Gina Privratsky | made a motion to approve the hiring of the new Interventionist

Pam Young | 2nd the motion.

The motion was passed [unanimously](#).

## **E. Policy Statement on Race & Ethnicity Data Recording of Students**

- Paula has updated our policy statement on Race and Ethnicity Data Recording of Students to meet State and Federal standards which say that visual determination of race and ethnicity are not allowed.

**Pam Young** made the motion to accept the updated policy statement

**Margaret Fitzgerald** 2nd the motion

The motion was passed **unanimously**.

## **F. 2021-2022 Board Meeting Dates**

- Dates have been set as the third Tuesday of the month and time is 7:00 am.

**Pam Young** made a motion to accept the 2021/22 Board Meeting dates and time

**Michael Williams** 2nd the motion

The motion was passed **unanimously**.

## **G. Strategic Plan Proposal**

- Proposals were received from Bellweather and Portage Partners Consulting. The proposal from Bellweather is much more comprehensive than that of Portage. Their proposal includes a strategic plan along with a school review which meets our goal with PUC. They cannot begin the work until November 2021. Although this is not ideal, Bellweather is the better fit to work with STA. PUC agrees to accept a later starting date.

**Pam Young** made a motion to accept the proposal by Bellweather

**Michael Williams** 2nd the motion

The motion passed **unanimously**.

## H. Amazeworks

- Paula Latourneau reported that STA obtained a grant to purchase AMAZEworks, a literacy based social emotional learning curriculum for use in Pre-K through Grade 5.

**Pam Young** made a motion to accept the grant for Amazeworks

**Margaret Fitzgerald** 2nd the motion

The motion passed **unanimously**

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## BOARD OPERATIONS: Non-Action Items

### A. Mission Minute:

- Julie shared the success of STA Summer School which was supported by Laverne Wesley and Gina Privratsky.

### B. Data Sharing:

- COVID cases are declining in Hennepin County. We have had 2 staff members quarantine due to exposure and one family of 2 children who are quarantining due to exposure in the greater community. The entire Middle School as well as one Kindergarten classroom are on distance learning until May 25 due to potential exposure to the virus.
- Initial MCA and Fastbridge spring data was shared.
- Average daily attendance was down very slightly in May.
- Interventionist data was shared.

### C. Board Composition Review 2021-2022

\*Paula prepared the results of the Board Composition survey which was completed in May.

\*A subcommittee of Pam Young, Laverne Wesley, Margaret Fitzgerald was formed and will meet with Paula to create a list of goals and actions based on the survey results.

**There was no new business.**

4.	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next meeting: <a href="#">August 17,2021</a> at 7:00 a. m.</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Pam Young</a> adjourned the meeting at 7:58 am._____</li> </ul>		
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**Minutes submitted by**  
Robbi Holdreith, Board Secretary