

LoveWorks Academy Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting date: Tuesday, February 17th, 2015

Meeting time: 5:30 pm

Meeting Location: LWA Building room 113

Board Members Present:

Daya Harding, LWA Board Chair, LWA Teacher

Marcy Guzman, LWA Teacher

Aloda Sims, LWA Parent

Jidana Cook, LWA Parent

Carrie Johnson, LWA Community Member

Richard Terrell, LWA Community Member

Board Members Absent:

Pam Moore, LWA Community Member

Tierney Carroll, LWA Treasurer, LWA Community Member

Kim Jones, LWA Parent

Non-Board Members Present:

Joe Aliperto, Dieci School Finance, Financial Liaison

Lasonya Johnson, LWA Finance Member, ex-officio member

April Harrison, LWA Executive Director, ex-officio member

George Sand, LWA Academic Director

Agenda:

1. Call to Order: 5:40 pm
2. Reading and Approval of meeting minutes
 - a. January 20, 2014; table minute approval for next month
3. Public Forum:
 - a. 15 Minutes are available for the public to address the board; SMM rep asked if any issues with the building; bathroom out of order and end of hall bathrooms. Table proposal from SMM for the lease renewal.
4. Director's Report:
 - a. ADM 203 and current enrollment is 213, Kindergarten 4 year old program analysis OLPA (Optional Local Proficiency Assessment) scores and looked at student progress and retention of those children; who's doing well and meeting grade level and who are not. Question on the table: Do we increase expectations for K4 to 90% or higher and decrease number allowed in K4 to 5 or 8 kids? Look at other readiness exams and possibly adopt recommended assessments. Revisit next board meeting.
 - b. Academics- Star Tribune Article-that highlighted LoveWorks as a poorly performing school among other charter schools and PUC. April believes MDE will be mobilized to respond to article by calling PUC on the fact that they

authorize 6 of the 20 lowest performing schools. Mr. Sand reviewed 1.) Where are in terms of reaching our goals; using mid-year student data: above 30% (see attached report) We are seeing an improvement in teaching scope of sequence and improvement in culture of learning (attitudes) 2.) School Improvement Grant; reform models, example of multi-year funding and expectations with timeline. Leadership team will work on the grant to submit in April 2015.

- c. Board of Director Binders were issued to all board members
- d. Mary Sarin resigned from Board and no longer works at the school. The two 2nd grade classes combined with 1 licensed teacher and 2 Para-professionals; 3 staff: 35 students.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- a. We are budgeted ahead of the projected ADM so we are good with budget projections, cash flow changes due over ADM; MDE takes money back 2/28/15. YTD is on track and some donations have come in that were not expected. Board of Directors reviewed checks and payment register. Joe can also complete financial training for new board members. Carrie made a motion to approve the January financials and Daya 2nd it; the board approved the financials 6:0.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Larwin Kauffman presented information about LWA to NFL alumni, no updates yet.
- b. Daya is completing paperwork for 5K from Northwestern Mutual and applying for partnership with Stages Theater.
- c. Anne Bancroft Foundation gave 14 dance girls \$500 each to offset dance fees.

7. Next Meeting: March 17, 2015 Meeting Adjourned: 7 pm