

NEW CENTURY SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2022, 2:00
Location: 451 Lexington Parkway North,
St. Paul, MN 55104

Members present: Ellie Holte (Board Chair), Jessica Tallman (Secretary), Ahmed Anshur (Treasurer)

Members absent: Abdalla Nuno (Community Member), Isse Abdi (Community Member)

Others present: Ahmed Ali (Executive Director), Dido Kotile (Academic Director), Maria Houck (Elementary Program Leader), Lucia Guillen (Middle School Program Leader), Rod Haenke (VOA), Kyle Knudson (Finances)

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:12 P.M.

2. Changes to and Approval of Agenda (A)

Motion to approve made by Tallman, seconded by Anshur, unanimous.

3. Review/Approval of Minutes (A)

Motion to approve made by Tallman, seconded by Tallman, unanimous.

4. Conflict of Interest Declaration

5. Open Forum

6. Executive Director's report

a. SY 2021/22 Reports (I)

The ED presented operational and program updates, including the activities of the preschool, elementary and middle school programs. Elementary students now have more STEM opportunities. Mental health services for students and staff has been a priority. Extensive family and community activities. Professional development and support for staff. The Elementary and Middle School Program Directors shared detailed program reports

b. COVID-19 Plans (A)

The admin recommended new COVID-19 Plans, including mask wearing and contact tracing to be implemented. Motion to approve made by Anshur, seconded by Tallman, unanimous.

c. SY 2022/23 plans

7. Finance Committee Report

- a. Monthly financial report (A)

Motion to approve made by Anshur, seconded by Tallman, unanimous.
New Century's end of the year cash flow is higher than typical charter schools.

- b. FY 2021/22 revised budget reviewed (I)
- c. Teacher and Paraprofessional Pay Scale (A)

Motion to approve made by Anshur, seconded by Tallman, unanimous.

- d. Grants and Donations updates presented(I)

8. Curriculum Committee Report

- a. Curriculum and assessment reports (I)

There are currently 306 students enrolled in the elementary program. Our priority areas include increasing reading proficiency and differentiation. In our middle school program, referrals have significantly reduced since implementation of the new behavior program. Through infinite campus, effective parent communication is taking place. There is collaboration between the different programs.

9. Development & Facilities Committee Report

- a. Facility expansion and improvement plans(I)
- b. Bloomington facility updates (I)
- c. Monthly enrollment reports (419) (I)

10. Governance Committee Report

- a. Board Policies List Review (I)
- b. Annual Training (I)
 - i. Finance, Governance, Employment

11. Staff and Contractors

- a. 2022/23 Service providers/Independent Contractors (A)

Motion to approve made by Anshur, seconded by Tallman, unanimous.

- b. 2022/23 staff (A)

Motion to approve made by Anshur, seconded by Tallman, unanimous.

12. Executive Director Review (Closed meeting)

The meeting was closed as permitted by section 13D.05, subdivision 3(a), to evaluate the performance of the School Executive Director. Motion to approve/renew Ahmed Ali's contract as Executive Director for the 2022-2023 school year, made by Tallman, seconded by Ahmed, unanimous.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 P.M and recommendations made to stay for the Strategic Plan Retreat.