

NEW CENTURY SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2024, 3:30
Location: 1380 Energy Lane,
St. Paul, MN 55108

Members present: Jessica Tallman (Secretary), Aaliyah (Parent), Isse Abdi (Community Member), Ahmed Anshur (Treasurer)

Members absent: Ellie Holte (Board Chair)

Guests Present: Dido Kotile (Compass Academy Director), Travis Berends (Financial Manager), Deema Sorri (Human Resources/Business Manager), Ahmed Ali (Executive Director)

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:33 P.M.

2. Changes to and Approval of Agenda (A)

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

3. Review/Approval of Minutes (A)

Motion to approved made by Tallman, seconded by Aaliyah, unanimous.

4. Conflict of Interest Declaration

5. Open Forum

6. Executive Director's report

- a. District updates (I)
- b. MDE Legislative updates (I). Discussed recent changes that affected schools such as Curricular changes (e.g. Read Act, assessment, safety and violence prevention, etc), funding formula, early education, school meals and personal hygiene supplies for students.
- c. Extra-curricular updates (I)

Updates on afterschool enrichment and athletic programs. Girl's & Boys Basketball is going well, Girls won the city tournament; Black History month final celebrations will take place school wide tomorrow (2/28).

7. Curriculum Committee Report

- a. FastBridge & WIDA Assessment updates provided

Testing at Compass Academy is going well, one class remains left to test for WIDA. NCS completed the winter tests, including preschool COR advantage. Students and staff are preparing for the MCAs, by unpacking standards.

- b. Staff professional development updates (I)

This month's professional development session was offered and it focused on student support and behavior behavior.

8. Finance Committee Report

Food service surplus is going well. The Committee received bids from three different audit firms. The bids are potentially being reviewed and recommendations will be presented to the Board during the next meeting.

- a. Monthly financial report (A)

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

9. Development & Facilities Committee Report

- a. NCS and Compass building updates provided

- b. District student enrollment updates (760) (I)

10. Governance Committee Report

- a. Policy

- i. 701.5: Procurement Policy (A)

Motion to approve made by Tallman, seconded by Aaliyah. Unanimous

- b. Board retreat plans (I)

Board retreat plans discussed, including availability of space at Wilder

- c. NCS 2023-25 Strategic Plan Reviewed

Board members should begin reviewing this plan.

11. Meeting adjourned at 4:12