



Sisu Environmental School Regular Board meeting February 21, 2023, 7:00 pm

Attendees: Kendra Hunding, Beth Odegard, Jenn Vought, and Kate Maki

Absent: none

Visitors: none

Call meeting to order: 7:00pm

Reading of the Mission: (Beth)

Delivering a bold education, in the renowned Finnish style to empower each child on their own unique educational journey to become competent, creative and joyful learners.

The purpose of meeting

Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Sisu Environmental School

Meeting objectives:

- Approve Consent agenda
- Receive committee reports
- Review and (not approve) draft lease
- Review and approve contract from Designs for Learning
- Discuss admissions process

1. Consent Agenda (Kendra motion, Beth second, all in favor)

2. Committee Reports/check in (5 min each)

· **Governance (skip to discussion)**

· **Internal Affairs (skip to discussion)**

· **External Affairs -**

The most recent event (last week) was a success. All new people attended and the team felt like we were able to connect with

individuals on one and one aspect. The pastor arrived and assisted with the clean up. There is a spring event in the works

3. Discussion (20 minutes)

- Draft Lease -
 - Reviewed lease with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
 - 1390 Larpenteur Ave E St. Paul, MN 55106Lawyer will review and then we will meet for approval
We will request an update to the language regarding preparations for the school year, who pays for painting/flooring (is this the coming rent), outdoor space usage restrictions, detailed usage of the kitchen
We would like to provide clear boundaries regarding the usage of the federal funds, as we have to be mindful that we cannot share any resources.
- Designs for Learning Contract
 - DoL will waive any late fee and will bill us after receipt of the bridge loan, Kendra will work to update the language on points 1 and 7 on page 4
 - We will meet to approve the contract once we have received the updates
- Enrollment check in
- We have 35 applicants. 19k, 6first, 5second, 2third, 3fourth, and 0 5th graders.
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- With board approval, I will send our acceptance email this evening. Attached to the email will be the acceptance form. This form states the first day of school, as well as an acknowledgement statement that they understand they will need to provide transportation if they do not live in Saint Paul.
(Currently we have 11 kids that would qualify for bus)
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- Info in email will include
 - paperwork will arrive summertime.
 - our hopeful building location will be east side of Saint Paul near lake Phalen (exact address to be shared soon!)
 - school start/end times will be communicated soon.Board approved sending the application acceptance (kendra moves, Jenn second, all in favor)
- Board training
Introducing the board training ideas to the next meetings.
The point of the training is to help the board stay true to the mission

- Lawyer fees for review of the lease and New Nordic Contract (\$750 for both was quoted by the lawyer recommended by IQS and others in the charter school world)
 - Will meet to approve the lawyer fee, currently accepting bids
- Will have an emergency board meeting in 3 days, the meeting is set for this Friday at 3pm.

Adjourn meeting: 7:58 pm (Beth motion, Jenn second) all in favor

Attachments:

December meeting minutes

Draft Lease

Designs for Learning Contract

External Affairs committee minutes

Admissions and Enrollment Policy