



COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Mission: Educating all students to highest levels of academic and social standards with a focus on Hmong language and culture.

HOPE Community Academy
April 28, 2022
Board Minutes

Present: John Yang, Andy Grover, Ka Z Yang, Sia Lo, Hlies Scully, and Don Lorr

Absent: Ka Zoua Yang (arrived 5:30 pm)

Staff: Maychy Vu, Mitch DeHaan, Megan Long, Yer Yang, Sam Seely

The meeting convened at 5:10 pm.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Sia moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Social Studies Adoption Presentation. Don seconded. Motion carried.

III. Approval of March 24 & 30, 2022 Minutes

Motion: Sia moved to approved the March 24 & 30, 2022 minutes. Hlies seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

IV. Community Comments

Social Studies Curriculum Adoption Presentation (see attached)

- \$79,000.00 including professional development
- My World for K-12
- Northern Lights (gr. 6)

Motion: Hlies moved to adopt the new social studies curriculums. Any seconded. Motion carried.

V. Closed Session: ED Contract for SY2022-23 (closed meeting at 5:30 pm)

The Executive Committee reviewed the contract and pay increase for SY22/23. The board approved a 2-year contract for Maychy Vu, ED. The contract would cover SY2022/23 through SY2023/24.

VI. Consent Agenda (reconvened at 6:57 pm)

- 1) Face Covering Policy

With the low positive COVID-19 cases reported at school and the vaccination accessibility to most of our students, it is recommended to the board to lift this Face Covering Policy.

Motion: Don moved to lift the face covering mandate, with an addendum to wear mask as an option and the ability to reinstate the policy when needed. Sia seconded. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports

- 1) Executive Committee
 - Met to review and discuss the executive director's contract.
- 2) Board Operations Committee
 - Met on April 13, 2022 to finalize plans for the annual meeting on May 11, 2022
 - Elections materials: ballots and letter/election materials to parents by April 11, 2022
 - Plans for Annual Meeting: In-person, program, food, and raffle
 - Board Self-Evaluation: will invite Mimi Palen-Clare to the May board meeting
- 3) Finance Committee
 - March 2022 Summary Report
 - March 2022 Summary Income Statement
 - March 2022 Balance Sheet
 - March 2022 Payment Register

The board reviewed, discussed, and filed the financial report subject to audit.

The Finance Committee recommended the revised FY2022 budget to the board for approval. In addition, an additional allocation of \$100,000.00 to the furniture line.

Motion: Don moved to approve the FY2022 budget and allocate \$100,000.00 to the furniture line item. Andy seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. Existing Business

There was none.

IX. New Business

- 1) Executive Director Report
 - Curriculum and Instructional Program: MCA Testing Report (see attached)

Summer Programs (some ESSER Funds): Summer School: June 13-July 15, 2022; Hmong and Karen Language Camps: June 13-July 15, 2022; Summer Camps: July 18 – 29, 2022



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Principal Search Update: Interviews May 3 & 4, 2022; 3 candidates confirmed

Strategic Plans – SY2021-22 Dashboard Updates: April 2022 Updates

UST Updates: UST Spring Site Visit – April 26, 2022

Building Construction Updates: Building – 2 playgrounds, casework for main office/staff lounges, etc.

Vacant lots – a potential project is tentatively in the works, put parking lot project on hold

Community Events/News: Hamm’s Building – community survey

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2-6, 2022

- 2) Plus/Delta
 - Plus: staff and student surveys
- 3) Others
 - None
- X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2022 5:00 pm Conference Room