



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

HOPE Community Academy
March 2, 2023
Conference Room – 5:00 pm

Present: Staci Ahrens, Hayley Ball, Andy Grover, Lu Hang (Zoom), Don Lorr, Patchia Xiong Vang, Kimberly Wildebuer
Staff: Brian Shaw
Others: Maychy Vu, Melissa Damon, Mimi Palen-Clare

- I. Call to Order 5:01 pm
- II. Rules of Engagement
 - Listen with an open-mind
 - Be bold, bright, and forward-thinking
 - Be 100% in
 - Bring your very best ideas and experiences
 - Be collaborative
 - Think positive
 - Practice humility
 - Respect confidentiality
 - Think big; look for possibilities
 - Ask “why not” instead of “why”
 - Follow-through on commitments

- III. Approval of Agenda
 - Date Change to from February 23 to March 2nd on this agenda.
 - Under Consent Agenda, the “SY 2023/2023” needs to be changed to “SY 2023/2024”

Motion to approve - Staci Ahrens, seconded by Hayley Ball . Motion Passed

- IV. Approval of January 26, 2023 Minutes
 - III. and IV. “Stacy” needs to be changed to “Staci”

Motion to approve minutes from Staci, seconded by Patchia. Motion approved

V. Community Comments

a. Curriculum and Instruction Report – Melissa Damon, Principal

-Lexia and Foundations (reading) started this year. Consistent users show an average of 1.8 grade levels of improvement. 12% were in grade level prior, shifted to 19% at or above grade level.

-Dreambox (math). Almost a grade level of growth for consistent users. Students who consistently use the program are improving 161% faster than those who aren't.

-Fastbridge math (3rd grade-10th grade) - All students are seeing growth. 614 tested. Students with 0-10% proficiency are seeing positive movement. Still have a high number of students in the at-risk category. Students from the high-risk to the exceeding grade level categories are seeing growth - not just low performing students.

-Early Math (3-10). Growth across ability levels. Fewer students are in the at risk category than last year.

-Early Reading. Growth across ability levels. Fewer students are in the at risk category than last year.

Discussion branched out to proactive and reactive safety measures for students.

VI. Consent Agenda

1. SY 2023/2024 & SY 2024/2025 Calendars

- Full day PD days instead of half student half PD.
- Question asked about including summer school. Not included to allow for fluidity during the school year, mainly snow days.
- Edits suggested about weekends being included in the dates for days off in two places in the legend

2. Designation of an Identified Official with Authority for Education Identity Access Management

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board (PELSB), and Office of Higher Education (OHE) require annual designation of an Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for each local education agency that uses the Education Identity Access Management (EDIAM) system. The IOwA is responsible for authorizing, reviewing, and recertifying user access for their local education agency in accordance with the State of Minnesota Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard, which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The Identified Official with Authority will authorize user access to State of Minnesota

Education secure systems in accordance with the user's assigned job duties, and will revoke that user's access when it is no longer needed to perform their job duties.

The Executive Director recommends the Board to authorize Maychy Vu, maychyvu@hope-school.org (email address), and Maychy14 (EDIAM user ID) to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for HOPE Community Academy 4070-07.

-Maychy explains the meaning of #2.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Hayley, followed by Andy. Motion Approved

VII. Committee Reports

1) Executive Committee

-Closed session for most of it. Working out logistics on training for board members. Planning for this meeting. Reminders for process for members to voice their intent to have things on the agenda.

-Agendas and minutes on the HOPE website page. Web page needs update to correctly show which school year the minutes are a part of.

-Time considerations being made for the school board elections

2) Board Operations Committee

-Talked about the board evaluation meeting process. Postponing to March/April. Mostly due to training logistical issues.

-March 8th is charter school day at the capitol (no school-hosted attendance planned)

3) Finance Committee

- January 2023 Summary Report
- January 2023 Summary Income Statement
- January 2023 Balance Sheet
- January 2023 Payment Register

-Question about state and federal funding around SPED and Title funding lagging at around 20% of expected while being 58% through the year.

-Transportation is a high expense. Not unique to HOPE. Communication has gone out that PreK - 2 are the only door-to-door pickup available students starting next year.

-Proposed revised budget given to members.

→ Some questions were asked with the current version. Approval tabled until next meeting

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



VIII. Existing Business
None

IX. New Business

- 1) Executive Director's Report
 - St. Thomas renew app submitted.
 - Strategic planning March 7th
 - City Council changes are incoming. Potentially hosting an invitation to the candidates
 - PreK application for state funding
- 2) Open Meeting Law & Virtual Participation
 - Discussion and compile questions and clarifications for school attorney
 - Under current understanding, people who Zoom in technically need to be in a public place or host the public in their private space to meet regulatory requirements.
- 3) Board Training Program – MACS update
- 4) Plus/Delta
- 5) Others

X. Closed Session: Executive Director's Annual Review (Began 6:45pm)

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Kim, seconded by Hayley. Adjourned at 8:08 pm

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 23, 2023 5:00 pm Conference Room