

Noble Academy -- District # 4171
Interim Board of Director's Meeting, February 24, 2011
4021 Thomas Avenue North Minneapolis, MN 55412

Minutes of Meeting

Mission

The mission of Noble Academy is to provide quality, relevant and multicultural education for all students. The unique framework is relevancy, which is a critical component for the learning process if and when the students can build on their prior knowledge. Learning makes more sense and is more connected when students can relate to the content and/or topics being taught. This school will serve students ages 5-14 in the metro areas. Noble Academy will focus on these three cornerstones surrounding the educational philosophy of the school:

- A rigorous educational program focusing on core content areas and standards mandated by the state of Minnesota in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies
- *Hmong Heritage (native) language and culture*
- *Responsive classroom/social curriculum*

Board of Directors' Purpose

To provide leadership, set policy, and develop accountability practices that will ensure high student achievement.

Roll Call: KoukhaSha Lee, Ge Yang, Neng Yang, Alece Henderson

Absent: Su Yang

Guest: Neal Thao, Mike Pocrnich

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:29 P.M. by Ge Yang.

Agenda:

Motion: KoukhaSha Lee moved to approve the meeting agenda with the changes of moving the budget and audit discussion with the financial statements. Alece Henderson seconded and all voted in favor.

Motion: KoukhaSha Lee motioned to change the date on the footnote to *January 27, 2011* and approve the meeting minutes from 01/27/11. Neng Yang seconded and all voted in favor.

Motion: KoukhaSha Lee moved to approve the December 2010 financial statements and check register, Neng Yang seconded and all voted in favor.

Motion: Alece Henderson moved to approve the January 2011 financial statements and check register, KoukhaSha Lee seconded and all voted in favor.

Motion: Neng Yang motioned to approve the 2011-2012 long range budgets without grade level expansion and the 2011-2012 long range budgets with grade level expansion. Alece Henderson seconded and all voted in favor.

Motion: KoukhaSha Lee motioned to approve the audit report. Neng Yang seconded and all voted in favor.

Report from the Curriculum Committee: The curriculum committee met and discussed the Strategic Plan developed for Noble Academy. The board plans to retrieve these minutes for use during the board retreat at a later date.

Motion: Alece Henderson motioned to approve the strategic planning meeting minutes and use them at a later date, KoukhaSha Lee seconded and all voted in favor.

Discussion: The board asked the director to generate a proposal to include the following items: total cost, who will be going, and what benefit will it provide Noble Academy for a staff development in Southeast Asia. The board also discussed new staff changes for 2011-2012 school year along with raises for staff.

Motion: Neng Yang motioned to approve the Director's Report with the exception to table the items as follows: the trip with a proposal and request of salary increase (raise) for the next meeting or an emergency meeting. Alece Henderson seconded and all voted in favor.

Motion: Neng Yang motioned to table art education to the next board meeting, KoukhaSha Lee seconded and all voted in favor.

Motion: KoukhaSha Lee motioned to approve the new enrollment policy to go in effect immediately. Neng Yang seconded and all voted in favor.

Motion: Neng Yang motioned to approve the 2011-2012 school calendar and the 2011-2012 board calendar with changes to the June dates to match those on the school calendar, KoukhaSha Lee seconded and all voted in favor.

Motion: Neng Yang move to approve the strategic plan as is and submit it to our authorizer, Audubon, KoukhaSha Lee seconded and all voted in favor.

Motion: Neng Yang move to appoint Alece Henderson as board treasurer. Ge Yang seconded and all voted in favor.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

KoukhaSha Lee