

STEAM Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, May 27, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Meeting Address: Online Meeting using Zoom (Audio & Video)

Interested individuals from the public who would like to attend the meeting, should email: info@steamacademymn.org with their Name, email address and phone # by Noon on 05-27-2022

Mission: STEAM Academy's mission is to provide a student-centered learning environment where all of its students, families, and communities apply the civic skills needed to wisely meet the common good through personal and public education. Our school strives to answer the question, "Why do I need to know this?" from diverse perspectives: culturally responsive, critical thinking, life-long learning, gender neutral, community informed, cross generational, and any other viewpoint that produces a greater public good.

Vision: STEAM Academy embraces a multidisciplinary curriculum with an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) to provide a learning-for-understanding environment which values personal and community accountability, creativity, diversity, critical thinking, and multiculturalism. We believe that schools can prepare their students for greater understanding of profound issues through collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving. We believe this is possible when learning is done with purpose.

Meeting Minutes:

- ❖ Present: 6:05 PM: Board Members: Makia Jama, Hamada Aboubakr, Maryam Arab, and Mahdi Nur
- ❖ Public: Magdy Rabeaa, Joseph Soveine, Luli A and Amina Adan
- ❖ Approval of Agenda: motioned by Hamada, seconded by Maryam, motion passed unanimously
- ❖ Reading STEAM Academy Mission and Vision: Makia Jama read the mission and vision out loud.
- ❖ Comments/Questions from the public: None

- ❖ Approval of previous meeting minutes (6:15): motioned by Maryam, seconded by Hamada, motion passes unanimously.
- ❖ Conflict of Interest Check: None

- ❖ Financial Update Budget/Financial Update: Joseph Soveine (from The Anton Group) provided a summary of financial statement for April 2022. Board members reviewed the check register. ED and Joseph provided explanation / clarification to expenditure questions.
- ❖ Motion to accept April 2022 financials: motioned by Hamada, seconded by Makia, motion passes unanimously.
- ❖ ED presented the new lease: School has been looking at a few locations and has decided to go with 951 E 5th St, St. Paul MN 55106. The board asked about the building and the future plans of staying in the building. The ED said that this school building was designed to be a school many years ago, and has previously a private school as a tenant. It's in a great location that can attract different communities.
- ❖ Motion to approve New Lease at 6:25pm: motioned by Makia, seconded by Hamada, motion passes unanimously
- ❖ ED presented the new 2022-2023 Calendar that aligns with the neighborhood district, calendar also has the testing schedule.
- ❖ Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Calendar at 6:30pm: motioned by Makia, seconded by Hamada, motion passes unanimously.
- ❖ Ed talked about new board meeting calendar. Board decided to look at a doodle sign up to get everyone's input on the change. We will postpone the next meeting to July.
- ❖ Executive Director Update:
 - Updates from Amina Adan:
 - End of the year field trips
 - Q4 end of the school year
 - Staffing updates
 - Change from K-5 to K-6 next year
 - Marketing Plans
- ❖ Next meeting: July 7th 2022

- ❖ Adjourn the meeting; Motioned by Maryam, seconded by Mahdi, motion passes unanimously at 7:15 PM.