

STEAM Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 12, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Meeting Address: Online Meeting using Zoom (Audi & 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 08-12-2022

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, Maryam Arab, and Mahdi Nur
- ❖ Public: Magdy Rabeaa, Joseph Soveine, Luli A, Adam Myland and Amina Adan
- ❖ Approval of Agenda: motioned by Makia, seconded by Maryam, motion passes unanimously
- ❖ Reading STEAM Academy Mission and Vision: Amina Adan read the mission and vision out loud.
- ❖ Comments/Questions from the public: None

- ❖ Approval of previous meeting minutes (6:15): the previous meeting minutes are postponed for approval.
- ❖ Conflict of Interest Check: None

- ❖ Financial Update Budget/Financial Update: Joseph Soveine (from The Anton Group) provided a summary of financial statement for May, June and July of 2022. Board members reviewed check registry and asked questions regarding some of the expenditures.
- ❖ Motion to approve the May, June and July 2022 financial reports: motioned by Mahdi, seconded by Makia, motion passes unanimously.
- ❖ Joseph Soveine presented the 2022-2023 school year budget proposal. There was a discussion and lots of follow up questions addressed by Joseph and Ed.
- ❖ Motion to approve 2022-2023 school year budget: Motioned by Makia, seconded by Mahdi, motion passes unanimously.
- ❖ Executive Director Update:
 - Updates from Amina Adan:
 - Progress of enrollment
 - Plans for doing school outreach/ marketing
 - Video Ad going to be used to create momentum
 - Motion to approve the hiring of Mohamed A Mohamed, Idil Mohamed, and Sophia Mahmoud: The Board discussed each of the positions and the candidates to be hired. Motioned by Makia, seconded by Mahdi, motion passes unanimously.
- ❖ Next meeting: Sept 8th 2022
- ❖ Adjourn the meeting: Motioned by Maryam, seconded by Mahdi, motion passes unanimously at 7:35 PM.