

## STEAM Academy Board Meeting Minutes

**Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 – 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](mailto:info@steamacademymn.org) with their Name, email address and phone # by Noon on 9-14-2023.

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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:
  - Board Members: Sarah Chebli, Mahdi Nur, and Hamada Aboubakr.
  - Public: Magdy Rabeaa, Luli Axhijaj, Hassan Mohamed, Tommi Martinson and Nick Taintor from BerganKDV.
- ❖ Reading STEAM Academy Mission and Vision: Sarah Chebli read the mission and vision.
- ❖ Conflict of Interest Check: None
- ❖ Comments/Questions from the Public, 2 minutes per person: No comments made.
- ❖ Agenda
  - Approval of Agenda. 6:04pm: motioned by Sarah, seconded by Hamada, motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Previous Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes look good from July's meeting.

- Approval of previous meeting minutes for July 4, 2023 (6:10pm): motioned by Hamada, seconded by Mahdi, motion passed unanimously.
- Approved the hiring of staff: Sarah made the motion and Mahdi seconded motion passes unanimously.
- Motion made by Hamada, seconded by Mujahid to approve the vendors and staff contracts. Motion passes unanimously.
- Motion made by Mahdi and seconded by Hamada to accept the resignation of Maryam Arab as she sent the resignation on July 10th, 2023. Motion passes unanimously.
- ❖ Financial Update Approval: Nick from BerganKDV went through the financial reports for June and July. The ADM is 63.16 and some reports show from MDE 66.3ADM and Luli is still in communications with MDE on that. Last year the budget was for 120 ADM. The projected fund balance is 17% with the amount of \$119,980. The 2022-2023 audit for STEAM Academy is scheduled for Mid-October.
  - Motion to accept the June and July 2023 financials at 6:19pm: motioned by Sarah, seconded by Hamada, motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Motion to approve the Hiring of the Director Hassan Mohamed. Motion made by Hamada and Seconded by Mahdi, motion passes unanimously.
- ❖ Motion made by Mahdi to accept Omran Alzahrani as a Board Member seconded by Hamada. Motion passes unanimously.
- ❖ Motion to approve the updated Emergency Action Plan. Motion made by Hamada and Seconded by Mahdi, motion passes unanimously.
- ❖ Operations and Academic updates: STEAM academy moved to a new building in Inver Grove Heights. The Administration and teachers worked very hard to get the school up and running in the new location. The open House was a success at the new location; the parents came and met with the teachers and got a chance to see the nice classrooms, open green space outside including the playground, soccer and basketball fields, and get more information for transportation, lunch and breakfast, etc.
- ❖ Suggested items: The next meeting is on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.
- ❖ Adjourn the meeting - Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:47pm: motioned by Sarah, seconded by Mahdi, motion passed unanimously.