

**Bdote Learning Center
Board of Directors Meeting
September 25, 2013**

Notes

Board members present: Louise Matson, Elaine Salinas, Joe Rice, Heather Reynolds, Tony Scallon, Matt Stark, Roxanne Gould

Non-Board members present: Jim Rock, Paul Donovan from Northmarq

Roxanne called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm.

Matt made a motion to approve minutes from our July 17, 2013 meeting. Elaine seconded the motion. Approved.

The Board celebrated the notification we received earlier in the day that the affidavit to MDE was approved. We need to pay attention to the timeline because IQS needs to submit a contract to MDE. Matt made a motion to authorize any of the BLC Officers to sign a contract. Approved.

The board needs to meet with IQS regarding the contract with MDE and our contract with them. We need to set a meeting date with them. Louise e-mailed a request during the meeting to Bob Wedl.

We need to pay attention to the ANA grant. Among other things, we need to register in grant solutions for reporting and financials. We need to hire the positions and make sure that the appropriate staff attend the post award training. Louise will also contact Charter School Partners and take the next steps to receive the Walton funds.

IQS Authorized Schools is having a meeting October 28, 2013. Roxanne will attend.

Committees: all the committees need to call a meeting in October. Chairs call the meetings. Louise will send out a reminder. A start up committee was created-Joe Rice, Elaine Salinas, Louise Matson and Graham Hartley are the memers.

Board composition: we need to shrink the board to between 9-11 members. We will withdraw Betty Jane Schaaf as we have no contact with her since she left Wicoie and Sally Hunter as she has retired. Board members present also agreed to contact some of the less active people to see if they would prefer to serve as an advisor. Roxanne Gould resigned and Matt Stark resigned as a board member and moved to an advisory role.

Tony Scallon advised us of possible conflicts that may arise due to his involvement with other charter schools. There aren't any now, but could be possibility in the future, at which time he would resign.

Paul Donovan can from our realtor, Cushman/Northmarq. Our agreement with them Has expired and he will need to send a new one. He will review and update our timeline. They will spend the next month reviewing the options and will start setting up weekly visits. The pool in South Minneapolis is extremely limited and we may have to compromise green space. MPS is hanging on to their available buildings. Our best option is probably a school "in motion" which means either closing or moving. He said our partnership with leech Lake College may have the additional benefit of being a attractive to landlords from a credit perspective. We may have to plan for several stops before we find the ideal location. Paul advised that we have a location identified by January, a lease signed by February 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 29.

Submitted by Louise Matson