

**Metro Deaf School
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2008
Approved Minutes**

Attendance: Kelly Anderson, Tom Anderson, Liz Anazagasti, Jody Waldo, Erik Queen, Cheryl Pray

Absent: John Fechter

Ex-Officios: Dyan Sherwood, Nan Martin

Interpreters: Gina Alvarado, Shirley Applebee

Note Taker: Jody Waldo

Guests: Cheryl Lange, Wendy Harris, Brenna Reichle

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm.

1. Approve October Meeting Minutes (DM):

MOTION 08: 11/19-1 Move to approve the meeting minutes from October as revised (E Queen/J Waldo). Motion Passed.

2. Annual Report (Cheryl Lange)
See annual report

3. Director's Report (Dyan) IF

The first report for GLE (grade level expansion) was declined by MDE. The new GLE (with the 4 additional requested requirements) is in the process of being revised, and will be sent to MDE the first week of Dec.

Dyan is postponing her retirement indefinitely. Dyan is up for her annual review as well as contract negotiations. The personnel committee will be meeting to start the process. Dyan is developing a Para Professional training manual, handbook, and evaluation tool with Jo Gascoigne to be used by teachers for paraprofessional evaluations starting at the end of November.

The MDS website has been updated and revised.

Cheryl Lange, Dyan Sherwood, Kim Kause, and Susan Outlaw are working on an article about bilingual education and it will be published this spring in Odyssey and the summer issue of the American Annals of the Deaf.

TLC (Teacher Learning Committee) is continuing to meet each month.

4. 403b discussion (Nan)

A 403b (a voluntary retirement payroll deduction) that MDS offered was discussed. Nan will gather additional information and present again at the December board meeting.

5. Committee Reports IF

Finance Committee Report:

The finance report was discussed during the closed meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee:

See attached report

MOTION 08: 11/19-2 Move to approve the changes listed in the Common Understandings under Governing Structure in regards to the Board of Directors (J Waldo/T Anderson). Motion Passed.

Tom will video tape the "Making the Case" document to be put on the website.

Additional dates not listed on the merger document:

Dec. 4th at 7:00 District 10 land use committee meeting at MDS

Dec. 8th at 4:00 will be the Lilydale hearing to get formal approval for our bond package for the loan.

Dec. 10th at 2:00 will be the St. Paul HRA (housing redevelopment authority) hearing.

6. Board Calendar and Timeline (PL)

The board continues to be on track according to the calendar and timeline.

7. Recognition Needs (IF)

Team Leaders for the added duties they have been doing this school year.

Nan Martin, Kelly Cole, and Student Council members for their help with the movie night.

The Student Council for the Halloween party/Trail of Surprises.

8. New Business

None

9. Old Business

Board training is schedule for Dec 6th from 2-5:30 at MDS.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm