



EMID BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2019
EQUITY ALLIANCE MN OFFICES
5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ellen Fahey, Board Chair, at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

ATTENDANCE:

SSD 006: South St. Paul
ISD 199: Inver Grove Heights
ISD 623: Roseville
ISD 624: White Bear Lake
ISD 831: Forest Lake
ISD 006: South St. Paul
ISD 199: Inver Grove Heights

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Jeff McClellan - Clerk
Cindy Nordstrom (absent)
Michael Boguszewski
Ellen Fahey - Chair
Rob Raphael (absent)
Student Representative Jenaye Vergin
Student Representative Aja Moore

STAFF:

Sebastian Witherspoon, Executive Director; Janine Stammler, Office Manager

GUESTS:

Marcellus Davis, Equity Alliance MN; Chris Devine, Equity Alliance MN; Regina Seabrook, Equity Alliance MN

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

A. ELECTION OF NEW TREASURER

Jeff McClellan (ISD 006) nominated Cindy Nordstrom (ISD 199) to serve as Treasurer of the Equity Alliance MN (EMID) Board. Mike Boguszewski (SSD 623) seconded the nomination. The nomination passed with all members present voting in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jeff McClellan (ISD 006) moved to approve the order of the agenda. Mike Boguszewski (ISD 623) seconded the motion. Motion to approve the agenda carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

OPEN FORUM

There was no one signed up to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jeff McClellan (SSD 006) moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mike Boguszewski (ISD 623) seconded the motion. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried with all members present voting in the affirmative.

FOCUS AREA #1 – PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT EDUCATE AND SUPPORT STAFF, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES AND DIMINISH BARRIERS TO EDUCATIONAL EQUITY:

I. Introduction of Chris Devine and Marcellus Davis, Program Managers

Sebastian Witherspoon introduced Chris Devine and Marcellus Davis to the Board and welcomed them to the Equity Alliance MN team. Mr. Devine is the new Program Manager for AVID, and Dr. Davis is the new Program Manager for Professional Development and Student Programs. Both come from an extensive background in education and are excited to be a part of the team.

II. Introduction of Student Representatives

Sebastian Witherspoon introduced Aja Moore and Jenaye Vergin. They will be serving as student representatives on the Equity Alliance MN Board for the 2019-2020 school year. Aja is a sophomore at Simley High School in Inver Grove Heights, and is in her second year as a member of the Youth Executive Board. Jenaye is a senior at South St. Paul Secondary, and is also a second year member of the Youth Executive Board.

III. Summer Programming Update

Sebastian Witherspoon provided an update on the participation in Equity Alliance MN summer programs.

IV. Professional Development/Consulting Presentation - Regina Seabrook

Regina Seabrook, Equity Alliance MN Program Manager for Professional Development, provided an overview of the professional development opportunities and consulting work provided by Equity Alliance MN for the 2018-2019 school year. We served 892 educators in more than 27 professional development opportunities throughout the year. We also presented at 13 professional conferences, reaching 633 adults. Regina also shared that we were busy with consulting work this year, and continue to serve new organizations. For the 2019-2020 school year, there will be a great focus on the recruitment and retention of teachers of color and American Indian teachers, as well as customized professional development and consulting for member and non-member districts.

FOCUS AREA #2 – LEAD REGIONAL DIALOGUE, ADVOCACY, AND ACTION FOR EQUITABLE EDUCATION SYSTEMS AND OUTCOMES:

I. ReImagine MN Update

Sebastian Witherspoon reported that he and Dr. Davis attended the August 13th ReImagine MN leadership committee session, representing Equity Alliance MN. The conversation at this session was designed on how the group would proceed and what the focus for the year will be. The theme of “community bridges” was established as the main focus for the group. Sebastian noted that Paula Forbes has asked Equity Alliance MN to take part in a youth summit that is currently being planned. He also noted that Equity Alliance MN will be presenting at the annual MASA conference in

Duluth on October 7 & 8, 2019.

FOCUS AREA #3 – STRENGTHEN EQUITY ALLIANCE MN’S BUSINESS MODEL TO PROMOTE OUR OWN FISCAL AUTONOMY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND GROWTH:

I. ACTION: Approval of Technology Upgrades

Sebastian Witherspoon requested the use of up to \$10,000 to upgrade office technology, primarily laptops. Mike Boguszewski (ISD 623) moved to approve the request. Jeff McClellan (ISD 006) seconded the motion. The motion to use up to \$10,000 to upgrade office technology passed with all members present voting in the affirmative.

II. Budget Update

Sebastian Witherspoon provided an update on the Equity Alliance MN budget. We are on track thus far with projected revenues and expenditures. The revised budget will be presented as a formal action item twice a year moving forward. The first will be presented at the November Equity Alliance MN Board meeting.

III. Alliance for Educational Equity (501(c)3) Update

Sebastian Witherspoon discussed the current status of the 501(c)3 and his intent to move forward with the group and hopefully secure some grant funding for the organization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

BOARD FORUM

ADJOURNMENT

Ellen Fahey adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

EMID Board Clerk

Date