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St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts

Minutes

SLVA August 9, Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday August 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location
St. Louis Voices Academy of Media Arts
1220 Olive St. Ste #200
St Louis, MO 63103

All board meetings will be in person.

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85915146951?pwd=b3c0NnNxT01rT08zMm9qcGJKTUZlZz09

Directors Present
A. Silverblatt, D. Catchings-Smith, E. Barnard, E. White, E. Woods, J. Flory, K. Scott (remote), L. Jackson

Directors Absent
K. Moye

Ex Officio Members Present
H. Russell-West

Guests Present
B. Taylor, D. Wright

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Catchings-Smith called a meeting of the board of directors of St. Louis Voices Academy of the Media Arts to order on Wednesday Aug 9, 2023 at 6:25 PM.

II. Mission Moment

A. Mission Highlights

1. Dr. West shared how the teachers are bringing the school to life. The teachers had a week of professional development, were involved in recruitment, and are now decorating classrooms.
2. Julie Flory stated that through conversations with her children, she is learning the value and promise of the St. Louis Voices Academy.
3. Dr. Woods stated she was impressed with the tour of the building.

III. Action Items

A. Approve July 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from SLVA July 12, 2023 Board Meeting on 07-12-23.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Woods	Aye
A. Silverblatt	Aye
E. Barnard	Aye
D. Catchings-Smith	Aye
E. White	Absent
K. Scott	Aye
K. Moye	Absent
L. Jackson	Aye
J. Flory	Aye

E. Barnard made a motion to Approve Policy 0028/Domestic Violence Policy.
A. Silverblatt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Barnard	Aye
D. Catchings-Smith	Aye
A. Silverblatt	Aye

Roll Call

E. White	Aye
E. Woods	Aye
L. Jackson	Aye
K. Moye	Absent
J. Flory	Aye
K. Scott	Aye

E. Barnard made a motion to Approve HR001.
J. Flory seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

K. Scott	Aye
E. White	Aye
K. Moye	Absent
A. Silverblatt	Aye
J. Flory	Aye
L. Jackson	Aye
E. Barnard	Aye
E. Woods	Aye
D. Catchings-Smith	Aye

IV. Board Committee Reports

A. Finance & Facilities

L. Jackson shared there are some considerations of staff changes, due to the needed teachers for gym, as well as a building sub. Dr. West is working on the budget with EDops to do what is feasible. Board members were in support of hiring new staff to fill the role of a gym teacher and building sub.
J. Flory made a motion to approve the addition of a new staff member with the understanding that the budget has to support the hire.
E. Woods seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Development

No update at this time.

C. Governance

1. Edie Bernard - shared the date of September 23, 2023, from 9:00a to 1:00 p as the date and time for the Board retreat.
2. The agenda will be sent out on September 9, 2023, for any feedback.

D. School Performance

1. Dr. Woods will be joining the School Performance Committee.
2. Dr. Woods suggested that now that the school will launch the committee will have better data in order to provide good performance evaluations.

V. Executive Director Report

A. Updates

1. The Executive Director provided updates on goals and benchmarks.
2. Provided an update on staffing and staffing adjustments.
3. Dr. West reported that the school is on track with compliance goals for opening. Marsha, a member of the Commission will visit the school for the final run-through and approval for opening.
4. Please see Director's report and presentation:https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/16HV7xnzVjuOqlUb0TTxqcnzZkYK_z7j2/edit#slide=id.gf95957

B. Facilities/Recruitment Report

1. B. Taylor shared that there has been an increase in recruitment efforts, including 2-3 weekly tabling and outreach. All staff have been active in the recruitment.
2. Informed committee of the background checks that need to be completed.
3. Provided information on the on-time delivery of school furniture.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Catchings-Smith