

**KIPP Minnesota Board of Directors
Minutes from January 18, 2012
KIPP Stand Academy
1601 Laurel Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55403**

Board Members in attendance in person: Beth Finch, Becky Gallt, Wade Jones, Mark Chronister, Scott Gage

Board Members via conference call: Marc Ashton

Board Members not in attendance: Danyald Purdis

Leadership team present: Liza Tickle, Kendra Kecker

Special Guests: None

1. Welcome:

Ms. Finch called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. Open Comment: Welcome to Marc Ashton

3. Consent Approval

- a. Board minutes--approved
- b. Executive Committee Minutes--approved
- c. Finance Committee Minutes(December)—approved

4. School Leader Report –

- a. **School Goals Report**—Recruiting—pairing with Ann Johnson’s elementary school and joining middle school fair. Charter School Fair with Charter School Association, monthly activity(mass mailing), Spring Health Fair, Valentines Dance(invite a friend)
 - a. **Student Recruiting**
 - b. **Why students have left KSA since beginning of year.**
 - c. **MAP testing**
 - d. **Groves Program**----shared data
 - e. **Winter Evals**—February for instructional staff
 - f. **KIPP through College**—Erica Ahlgren brought on 1 day a week. 8th graders assigned to individual teachers in small groups. Johanna Easley selected for A Better Chance program.
 - g. **Culture**—Leadership team meet on a more regular basis. 8th grade involved in volunteer opportunities and “school jobs”. Student Council will organize community service Saturday School agenda.
 - h. **Teacher Recruiting**

b. Student Retention

- c. **PTO Update** – Beth passed out weekly Newsletter, no meetings since last Board mtg. Working to leverage parents we do have because participation seems small. Chant off, Black History Month celebration.

5. **Saturday School**- approval to cancel Saturday School in Jan and Feb.

6. **Executive Committee Report**

- a. **Facility Update**— Kou Vang mediating with Basilica. Should hear from them by late January.
- b. **School Leader Evaluation**— survey closes on January 20th.
- c. **HolidayParty**—**January 27.**

6. **Finance Committee Report**

- a. Monthly Financial Review— low cash balance, large AR balance.
- b. Check Register—approved
- c. Microsoft voucher—\$15,000. Can be used for new products or reimbursed for products that have already been purchased.

7. **Advancement**

- a. Development Update—Jane Lonquist, volunteer, supporter of KIPP is taking over some of Jessica’s duties while she’s out. She is developing her current spreadsheet.

8. **Governance**

- a. Board Development— 1) Dana Mortensen is a possibility. She runs an educational organization. Bonnie McGrath is also very intrigued. She may help at a committee level.
- b. Annual Board Survey through the KIPP foundation is coming up

Meeting adjourned at 7: 19pm.