

Spero Academy  
Board Minutes  
January 23rd, 2018 @ 5:30

Grace Center Break Room  
1534 Sixth Street NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55413

**MISSION**

*To provide students with a personalized and adaptive education to grow academically, emotionally, and socially.*

We Believe... Every child can learn, grow, and succeed when given the opportunity to reach his or her individual potential.

We focus our resources and energy on developing our *core capabilities* to achieve our Strategic Intent:

- Create *differentiated programs* that integrate academics with emotional and social learning
- Comprehensively *identify individual education needs and learning styles*
- Utilize *collaborative teaming* among staff, specialists and families to integrate and coordinate personalized education
- Structure learning environment with *small student- to- teacher ratios*
- Assess *student progress* across all learning areas

**1.0 Call to Order**

1.1	Roll Call:	
	Crystal Totten	P
	Donna Piazza	P
	Janelle Erickson (Resigned)	A P
	JoAnna Hicks	P
	Katie Rose Kammerude	P
	Neil Nye (Resigned)	A P
	Taryn McGovern	A
	Tony Farah	P
	Karen Marshall	P
	Michelle Suarez	P
	Director Chipp Windham	P
	Authorizer Rep. Dana Peterson	A
	Kou Vang (JB Realty)	P
	Justin Fincher (JB Realty)	P
	Craig Kepler (Attorney)	A
	Chandra Stone (FSA)	A
	Chris Bentley (FSA)	A
	Kirk Wahlstrom (FSA)	P
	Jenny Abbs, Business Account Manager	A

- 1.2 Approval of the Order of the Agenda\*  
Motion: To approve the Order of the Agenda  
M/S/P: K.Kammerude/T. Farah/Pass

**2.0 Information and Communications**

- 2.1 Public Comment
- 2.2 Kou Vang (JB Realty) Comments
- 2.3 Craig Kepler Comments
- 2.4 HDR Comments
- 2.5 Director Report\*
- 2.6 Authorizer Comments - Dana Peterson
- 2.7 Jamie Hepner Comments - Social Work Training\*
- 2.8 Susan Scheller and Erin Giebink - ACHIEVE and Assessment Training\*/\*

**3.0 Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda  
M/S/P: J. Hicks/T. Farah/Pass

- 3.1 November 2017 Meeting Minutes\*
- 3.2 November/December 2017 Checks and Wires\*
- 3.3 Employee Changes:
  - Hire: Brandon Kropelin  
Fiona Doh  
Shayna Williams
  - Resignation: Tyler Chapman
- 3.4 Donations for November/December 2017: \$\$14,986  
(\$3496.00 from Give MN )
- 3.5 Volunteer Hours for November/December 2017: #21.75

**4.0 Standing Committee Reports**

- 4.1 Accountability—Taryn McGovern Chair
- 4.2 Facilities —Tony Farah, Co-Chair and Joanna Hicks, Co-Chair
  - 4.2.a Grace Center Finance Statement\*
- 4.3 Finance —Crystal Totten, Treasurer, Chair
  - 4.3.a November/December Financials\*
  - 4.3.b Approval of 2017 Audit\*  
**Motion** to approve the final audit from FY17.  
M/S/P: C. Totten/J. Hicks/Pass
  - 4.3.c Information on revised budget submitted to MDE\*
- 4.4 Governance—Donna Piazza, Chair
  - 4.4.a Enrollment For 2018-2019  
**Motion:** A motion to approve a minimum enrollment of 132 students for the FY19 school year, with a maximum number of students in each grade to be determined by school administration.

M/S/P: D. Piazza/K. Kammerude/Pass

4.4.b The University of St. Thomas Application\*

**Motion** to accept The University of St. Thomas Authorizer Renewal Application.

M/S/P: D. Piazza/J.Hicks/Pass

4.4.c Investor Presentation Notes (fyi)\*

4.4.d Approval of School Calendar for FY19.\*

**Motion** to approve the proposed school calendar for FY19 to be submitted to MDE and Minneapolis district school.

M/S/P: D.Piazza/C. Totten/Pass

4.5 Marketing—Katie Rose Kammerude, Chair

4.5.a Marketing Update\*

**5.0 Future Meetings Schedule with Committees\***

5.1 Next Board meeting: February 27th, 2018 at 5:30—Grace Center Break Room

**6.0 Policies**

6.1 Policy 610 - School Website Accessibility (Fifth Read - Accountability)\*

Motion to approve website accessibility policy.

M/S/P:K. Kammerude/C. Totten/Pass

6.2 Policy 900 - Enrollment Policy (First Read - Governance)\*

**7.0 Information and Other Business Sharing**

7.1 Post Bond Compliance\*

7.2 World's Best Workforce information\*

**8.0 Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn the 1/23/18 Spero Board Meeting

M/S/P: C. Totten/J. Hicks/Pass

\*Materials attached

\*\*Materials to be sent prior to meeting

\*\*\*Materials will be presented at the meeting

  
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Taryn McGovern

3/7/18  
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Date

Or

Katie Rose Kammerude  
Board Co-Secretary

