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February 10th, 2023

Board of Director's Special Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: by Dr. Warfaa @ call to order at _5:00 Pm._

Meeting Location:

100 West 66th Street. Richfield MN 55423: Conference room 100

Roll Call to Establish Quorum: Abdirisak Warfa, Mohamed Ibrahim, and Suad Abdirahman

Absent Members: Mohamed Mohamoud and Said Idd

Nonvoting members present are: *Abdi Abdulle and Joe Aliperto.*

Other: Keillen Curtis - as school Legal Council.

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- **Declaration of conflict of interest statement:** Dr. Warfa, if you have any conflict of interest, you must declare it now. No conflict was Declared.

Announcements: Dr. Warfa, we have called this special meeting regarding the letter from MN Guild that all board members received on February 2nd. The letter was based on the feedback from the renewal application. All directors had the opportunity to review the letter.

We have understood that the MN Guild was reasonable for some areas, and others were just miscommunications, or they didn't glimpse the information, but the information was there. There is merely a gap in communication. Our goal is to listen from Director Abdi, Joe, and Keillen. After the meeting, our directors will draft the response and provide the data MN Guild seeks promptly.

Public comments / Stakeholders - None.

1. The School Status and plans for the future are in good status as far as we know. Said Dr. Warfa. Our information is confined to the reports received from the director and his administration team. The community feedback regarding the school is excellent. When I encounter community members, they appreciate our work at the school level. The teacher and staffing shortage was not something isolated situation for SciTech Academy. But it's a significant problem for the MN Education sector.



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- 1.1. FY2023 and beyond. MN Guild is our partner in education, and SciTech is well respected in that relationship. SciTech is part of MN Guild Schools, and we don't believe there is a looming danger of breaking up with MN Guild, *said Director Abdulle*.
- 1.2. The School Council was asked - to weigh in on his understanding of the letter. Mr. Curtis said the letter stated a number of minor issues, which is fixable. The Authorizer has the authority to exercise, but SciTech does not own any ownership after the contract ends with or without issues. You have to understand, said Mr. Curtis, the school council. What I recommend is to draft the response within the time given.
- 1.3. Reviewing the renewal application with MN Guild Authorizer- The application was submitted on 12-31-2022. The MN Guild stated 65 percent was not completed. We will ask the Guild to provide us support and help us to pinpoint what is missing so we can provide it to the. Said Dr. Warfa.
- 1.4. Moving forward, Mr. Curtis, please update the SciTech Bylaw Statues to make it current.
- 1.5. All other issues have already been taken care of. Thank you, Mr. Abdulle (Annual Report, website, and Epicenter).
The School Finance director Joe already spoke with MN Guild regarding misunderstanding and cross-communication with S SciTech concerning finance. SciTech has very healthy and positive finance. Joe will draft any work related to the finance section of the letter.
- 1.6. The board and Director Abdulle will collaborate in preparing the letter and what is missing from the Renewal Application.

Add on Agenda:

adjourned this meeting at ___6:15pm___