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February 28th, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
TIME: 5:00 PM at Gateway Academy

- I. CALL TO ORDER: meeting called to order at 5:06pm by Brandon Haley.
- II. Roll Call: Present – Brandon Haley, Ally Jansons, Omar Awil, Abdirahman Mukhtar. Absent – Abdisalan Osman. Also present – Ed Fellows, Kyle Knudson.
- III. Mission Reading: statement read by B. Haley...The mission of Gateway STEM Academy is to be a K-8 Charter school that prepares a diverse community of students for academic success by providing an enriching and focused learning environment in science, technology, engineering and math.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: No written or in-person comments.
- V. Acceptance of Agenda: motion to accept agenda made by A. Jansons, seconded by O. Awil. Ayes: 4, Nays 0.
- VI. Approval of January 2023 Board Meeting Minutes: motion to accept January 2023 board meeting minutes made by A. Muhktar, seconded by A. Jansons.
- VII. New Business -
 - A. Finances – January Financials – Kyle Knudson
 - B. 2023-2024 School Budget Projections
Review of EdFinMN contract for 2023-24. Discussion of long-range forecast. Possible staff cuts – need to retain teachers important as there is a teacher shortage. Also must consider how support staff brings in families.
 - C. Directors Report:
 1. Celebrate Black History Month: classes decorated classroom doors in celebration. Students making presentation boards in recognition of the month.

2. Student Presentations have been rescheduled to March 9th from 1:00-3:00 PM
Next month is National Woman's Month
3. Tentative building permit for work to begin end of March: expecting permits the week of March 6, 2023 to enable proceeding to renovations starting the week of March 27, 2023 (Spring Break).

D. School Updates

- a. Celebrations: students, staff and parents are responding favorably to daily announcements on TVs in the lobby. Newsletter sent home with students with school information and celebration of Black History Month.
- b. P.E. teacher, Seth Nilsen, is building curriculum for mental health. Discussion of incorporating this with a mental health summit being presented by A. Muhktar.

VIII. Adjourn Meeting: B. Haley made the motion to adjourn, seconded by A. Jansons. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.