

CALL TO ORDER Wendy Terry called the meeting to order to at 6:05 p.m.

1.ROLL CALL present at time of meeting unless otherwise noted	Present	Absent
Board Member		
Wendy Terry (President)	✓	
Kris Gapinski (Vice President)	✓	
Aaron Price (Treasurer)	✓	
Paige Roth (Secretary)		✓
Elizabeth Brobeck	✓	
Lizzie Warpinski	✓	
Joanna Pederson	✓	
Matheu Weidenbach	✓	
Sean Koster(ex-officio)		✓
Mike Reeder (ex-officio)	✓	
Mike Pocrnich(ex-officio)		✓

MISC. ATTENDEES:

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Choral reading of the Pledge of Allegiance)

3. BEACON MISSION STATEMENT

(Choral reading of the Beacon Academy Mission Statement)

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion:	To approve the agenda:							
Made by:	*Kris Gapinski			Seconded by:	*Matheu Weidenbach			
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Wendy Terry	x			Joanna Pederson	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x			Aaron Price	x		
	Paige Roth			x-absent	Matheu Weidebach	x		
	Lizzie Warpinski	x						
	Elizabeth Brobeck	x						
Decision:	Passes							

Agenda:

A. Review and Summarize School and Community Data

- Students of color around 50% or just above. Special education is around 13% of our population. Our free and reduced percentage is about 43%. EL population is around 50 students or 10%. Joanna mentioned that we have some of the lowest level student's English proficiency than we've ever had. Student referrals are usually disruption or insubordination. Last year when we started our Spanish and African family liaisons, we had roughly a dozen each, but we are sure that's not accurate.
- Census data show that there are mostly white cities around us. It would be interesting to know why families of color are choosing us more often.

B. Review and Summarize Survey Results

- There were 148 respondents.
- What attracted you to Beacon Academy prior to enrolling: Spanish, small school feel, uniform policy, rigorous curriculum,
- Why to people stay: three highest weighted average individual teacher attention, student feeling of belonging. small class sizes.
- How would you describe BA in 2-3 sentences: how much my child is known by teachers and staff. A sense of belonging, curriculum, and diverse student body. People are seeing our values shining through.
- What would you like to see BA become in 5 years? 23% asked for a high school. We did a very thorough look at adding a high school. What we would have needed to staff and have curriculum for students is much more than we could ever afford. We also need to make major changes to our current building to have it be up to code to be sufficient for a high school. Many wanted a before and after school program, also want to keep a small school feel but want sports programs, etc. Financially we can't get a sports team up and running. We also can't be all things to all kids. We had to choose a focus and Beacon has chosen to focus on academics. There was much discussion about before and after school care and pre-school.
- Wendy asked for interest in board members who would be willing to look into what it would take to start a before and after school care program.
- The greatest strength question: There was evidence in the divide between our conservative and liberal families.
- The challenges: pick up and drop off. Blending priorities and values of very divergent families was a comment. There was a comment about doing year-round school. There is a public school in Rochester that is year-round. Elizabeth is going to investigate how they do things and how that has affected their enrollment, etc.

C. Discuss vision statement: Wendy would like to craft at least one, maybe two vision statements that is easy for a person, maybe even the middle school students to tell someone about what the school is about. It needs to be more of a slogan. It also must be something that we know we can follow through on.

Wendy wrapped up with the tasks that have been assigned to look into before and after school care and year round school.

The staff survey was also discussed. The board agreed that the staff need to be surveyed sooner rather than later.

Beacon Academy Charter District 4124
 Board Work Session Minutes, October 28, 2021 6:00 p.m.
 3415 Louisiana Ave N, Crystal, MN 55428

The next work session is Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6pm.

Motion:		Motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.						
Made by:		*Kris Gapinski			Seconded by:		*Matheu Weidenbach	
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Wendy Terry	x			Joanna Pederson	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x			Aaron Price	x		
	Paige Roth			x-absent	Matheu Weidenbach	x		
	Lizzie Warpinski	x						
	Elizabeth Brobeck	x						
Decision:		Passes						

Approved on _____

Paige Roth, Secretary
Beacon Academy School Board