

**Ubah Medical Academy
Regular School Board Meeting**

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Saturday, February 5, 2011, 1:00pm, at the International Education Center, 277 12th Avenue North, Room #120, Minneapolis, MN 55401

MEMBERS PRESENT: Board Chair Mr Abdirashid Warsame, Treasurer Mr Abdullah Mohamed, Teacher Members Mr Nathan Starks, Dr Paul Fenno, Ms Nancy Mack, and Mr. David Kimori , Community Members Mr Ali Muse and Mr. Abdihakin Isse.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms Lisa Bittner (Apology)

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Authorizer Representative Mr. Tom Black of Century College and Director of Ubah Medical Academy Mr Musa Farah.

ALSO PRESENT: Associate Director of Ubah Medical Academy Mr. Patrick Exner, and Board Clerk Ms. Nicole Nelson.

1.0 Welcome and Member Contact Detail Confirmation

2.0 Approve Agenda – Approved with amendments

3.0 Minutes from the previous Meeting of January 8th, 2011– Approved

4.0 Business arising from the Minutes of January 8th, 2011– Approved

4.1 Minutes from the Meeting of September 18th, 2010 – Removed from Agenda

5.0 Treasurer’s Report

5.1 July 2010-January 2011 YTD Report-tabled

5.2 July 2009-June 2010 Financial Audit Report-tabled

6.0 Authorizer’s Report – Approved

Mr. Tom Black, Century College Representative, reported:

- a. Dr. Jim Gross sends his regards.
- b. Dr. Gross was very pleased to write the Evaluation of Performance for the High School to the University of St. Thomas.
- c. Will be hosting an Open House on February 22nd. The Open House will take place from 5-8pm in the evening. Mr. Tom stated that he had already talked to the school’s Counselor Ms. Jackie Oss who stated that she would publicize the information to survey student interest. Mr. Tom also stated that Dr. Gross would be willing to provide transportation from the High School to Century College.
- d. Century College hosted guest Speaker Naomi Tutu (daughter of Desmond Tutu). Her topics of discussion included reconciliation and observations of race relations in the United States.
- e. Mr. Tom attended an all college meeting on January 24th and after looking at projections found that enrollment at Century rose only 1% for the Spring semester, which does not follow the trend of prior years. Dr. Litecky commented that this could be due to the current state of the economy and individuals not wanting to take out loans. The projection has influenced Century’s decision to hold off on expanding its campus to Woodbury.
- f. On February 18th the middle section of Century’s West Campus will be moving into its remodeled location.
- g. Mr. Tom shared information from an article regarding Minneapolis and St. Paul School Districts showing interest in opening its own charter schools with an emphasis on college preparation.
- h. Looking forward to attending the 10 Year Anniversary Event on February 12th.

7.0 Director’s Report – Approved

Mr Musa Farah Reported:

- a) Current enrollment is 220.
- b) Mr. Musa stated that the school received a Refugee Service Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the High School. The grant was written by Mr. Patrick Exner.

Mr. Musa turned the report over to Mr. Patrick to report more about the grant:

- I. The grant was awarded to the high school in order to improve the academic achievement of refugee students. A refugee student is defined as a student who has entered the country after October of 2007.
 - II. UMA currently has thirty six students who meet the requirement. The grant funds must go directly to impact the students' specific goals.
 - III. The following initiatives are being supported by the grant-
 - i. After school programming specifically designed for students identified as ELL on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-4:15pm. The program is being coordinated by the high school's ELL teacher and two general education teachers. The students focus on language acquisition, study skills, reading, and math.
 - ii. A peer mentoring program where students in the program will team up with other students from the high school to aid in excelling at the high school.
 - iii. Additional Curriculum will be purchased that is targeted towards excelling language proficiency for the students in the program.
 - IV. Ubah Medical Academy will also be offering a summer school program that will be partially funded by this grant. The summer school program will focus on math. The program serves two purposes.
 - i. Ensure that all incoming high school students have the fundamental Algebra skills so that the 9th grade Geometry curriculum can be implemented. This curriculum will align with the current math standards.
 - ii. Increase the marketing of Ubah Medical Academy to its target community and increase enrollment for 9th grade.
- c) Mr. Patrick reported that this Thursday February 10th the English Language Department will be audited by the Minnesota Department of Education. Preliminary documents have already been submitted and approved and all that remains is the site visit.

8.0 Other Reports and Action Items

8.1 Policy Readings and February

8.1.2 516 Student Medication

8.1.3 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination – Approved As final Reading

8.1.4 522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination (Title IX) and Unlawful Sex Discrimination Towards a Student Report Form

8.1.5 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy and Internet Use Agreement

8.1.6 526 Hazing Prohibition – Approved as first Reading

9.0 Adjournment at 2:40 AM

Next Scheduled Meeting March 12, 2011.