The Exploris School/ Board of Directors
Meeting: 2015 April 28, 4:30PM-6PM at Exploris Middle School

Mission: Exploris is a learning community that engages students in a rigorous, relevant, relationship-based education. This is done through experiential, project-based learning that empowers students to build a connected, just and sustainable world.

Attendees:
Voting Members:
  Sean Gargan (Chairperson)
  Anne Franklin
  Bob Kingery
  Kendall Hageman (Vice Chair)
  James Gerdts
  Cal Cunningham

Non-Voting Members:
  Candice Robinson
  Laura Laut (Faculty Representative)
  Khristi Thomlinson (PTO)
  Brooke Sommers (Incoming PTO President)

Absent:
Voting Members:
  Alfred Mays
  Mike Fields

Non-Voting Members:
  Summer Clayton (Executive Director)

Proceedings

Call to order
Sean called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm

Approval of Agenda
Addition to Agenda: Audit for 2014 Fiscal Year in New Business, and Closed Session to discuss Personnel
Deletion from Agenda: Approval of November minutes

1st Motion: Anne Franklin
2nd Motion: Bob Kingery
All in favor of approving revisions to Agenda. No opposed.

Public Comment
None

From the Classroom
Laura updated the 2/3 Team is completing a medical packs for the classrooms. Candice informed the Board

Consent Agenda
March 2015 Financials
March 2015 Minutes

Clarification of $300K in Revenue for Reserves or Loan (why not reflected as $0?) at May Board meeting
1st Motion to approve: Anne Franklin
| New Business | 2nd Motion to approve: Bob Kingery  
All in favor. No opposed. |
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| Audit Proposal for 2014 financial year | Sean explained that Candice requested bids for Audit firms. Two bids were received. Sean also referenced that as long as the auditor is switched yearly then current firm could be used. Sean made a motion to approve Tucker, as audit firm for 2014 fiscal year.  
2nd motion: Cal Cunningham  
All in favor, no opposed. |
| Board Positions | Sean spoke with Mike Fields and he wants to continue with the Board. Mike thought he was to begin in July 2015. He will join at the May 2015 meeting and would be comfortable in the role of Treasurer.  
Sean reviewed skill sets and review current Board member applications. Sean proposed to vote now or hold applications until July 2015 for new Board to vote on applicants. Kendall noted that Sean Gargan would be stepping down at end of this school year. Kendall shared that school staff is concerned with the lack of visionary leadership that will be vacant with Sean leaving. Anne proposed moving the discussion to May Board meeting since she wants to review the skill sets with the current applicants on file. Anne mentioned a work session to discuss leadership and needs for moving forward in future years. Laura noted that her term also expires and Sean asked for Candice to notify Summer about a faculty representative for 2015-2017.  
Kendall will send out a doodle to set up a date to due a lunch work session to discuss Board applications. |
| Fair Funding Advocacy Video and Campaign | Sean explained that Summer participated in a video to showcase Exploris and discuss charter school funding legislation. Tom Miller presented to Board about the video. Discussed the 2 state amendments (Nesbitt/Hackney) that allow school districts to not provide funds to charter schools. Exploris lost out on approx. $218K on funds according to Tom Miller due to these 2 state amendments.  
Sean discussed that Exploris has been neutral in regards to politics. He mentioned that Exploris has purposefully not joined either Charter School |
Sean summarized that the Board will remain neutral and not be associated with political legislation. Sean is asking to have the video pulled from the website. Tom Miller notified his organization to remove the video and confirmed the video will be removed immediately. Sean asked for the PTO to remain neutral on political initiatives.

Board reviewed the video. Cal noted that the Board in the past has not taken a position on any current or pending legislation. Kendall will also write a board policy to state that the board reserves the right to determine any political stance on legislation.

**Closed Session**  
*Personnel*

Sean Gargan made the recommendation for the board to enter into closed session according to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of discussing personnel. Kendall Hageman made the motion to enter closed session. Cal Cunningham seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

*Governance Committee (Kendall Hageman)*

*Educational Excellence (Anne Franklin)*

*Communication, Advocacy, & Marketing (CAM) (Alfred Mays)*

*Facilities (Bob Kingery)*

*Finance*

Governance (Kendall Hageman) –

Educational Excellence (Anne Franklin) – Asking each to attend one of the 8th grade portfolio conference.

CAM (Alfred and Khristi) –

Facilities (Bob Kingery) – None noted.

Finance (Vacant) – None noted.

**Adjournment**

Meeting ended after closed session.

*1st Motion: Anne Franklin*

*2nd Motion: Bob Kingery*

All in favor, No opposed.