



## The Exploris School/ Board of Directors

Meeting: 2015 January 20, 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)  
 Kathleen Evans (Treasurer)  
 Anne Franklin  
 Kendall Hageman  
 Bob Kingery  
 Bob Whitehead

**Non-Voting Members:**

Summer Clayton (Executive Director)  
 Laura Laut (Faculty Representative)  
 Khristi Tomlinson (PTO)

**Absent:**

**Voting Members:**

Alfred Mays  
 James Montague

**Non-Voting Members:**

### Proceedings

**Call to order**

Sean called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm

**Approval of Agenda**

- Update Mike Fields (new board member beginning in February 2015) conflict with time/date  
 - Weighted Lottery  
 - Polycom Update

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Bob Kingery  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Kathleen Evans  
 All in favor of approving add-ons to Agenda. No opposed.

**Public Comment**

None

**From the Classroom**

Summer has asked Sonja and Andrea to present on Explorations at February meeting. Summer also updated on charging for Tours of outside schools for site visits. Requests are coming from schools in North Carolina. Kendall noted looking at Ron Clark Academy for costs. Anne noted inviting local Business members to be a part of these experiences. Summer will put a proposal



	together and present to staff then to present to Board.
<p><b>Consent Agenda</b> December 2014 Financials  December 2014 Minutes</p>	<p>Kathleen noted corrections to December minutes. Kathleen also noted that the December financials were not reflected of the approved budget in December.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Bob Kingery 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Anne Franklin All in favor. No opposed.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b> 2015-2016 Calendar Proposal  Weighted Lottery  Mike Fields Conflict of Time/Date</p>	<p>Summer handed out the proposed for 2015-2016 calendars with notes from staff and families. Summer noted that the Calendar Committee developed the calendar based on research and data. Anne inquired why the school day was being shortened by 15 minutes. Summer explained the need for a stagger time and day is longer than in WCPSS at elementary level. Laura noted concern with loss of time in instruction due to transition. Bob Whitehead noted if Board needs to approve based on no policy stating Board approval is needed. Kendall will look at a Board policy in the Governance Committee. Summer also noted a concern with January 4, 2016 as a Teacher Workday. Motion to approve with time (less 15 minutes at Elementary School and time same at Middle School) and Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> moved to Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Bob Whitehead 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Anne Franklin All in favor. No opposed.</p> <p>Summer updated that the State Board of Education did not accept the weighted lottery request after speaking with Joel Medley. Central Parks School in Durham is the only Charter School that has been given approval since it was a 4-year trial. State Board does not want to grant any other schools until the 4-year trial is over. In moving forward, a plan to address lunch for the students admitted under the weighted lottery. Exploris will not have a weighted lottery for 2015-2016 lottery. Sean asked Anne and Alfred's committees look into how Exploris can move forward on diversity of school population.</p> <p>Sean updated Board on Mike Field. Kendall will develop a Doodle and send to Sean to send to Board members on the most convenient date and time to meet beginning in March 2015. February 2015 meeting will remain 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday</p>



	<p>at 4:30pm.</p> <p>Sean updated Board that Mike Fields was able to secure a Polycom for the board and is working with Cornelius to install.</p>
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p> <p>Governance Committee (Kendall Hageman)</p> <p>Educational Excellence (Anne Franklin)</p> <p>Communication, Advocacy, &amp; Marketing (CAM) (Alfred Mays)</p> <p>Facilities (Bob Kingery)</p> <p>Finance (Kathleen Evans)</p>	<p>Governance (Kendall Hageman) – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting this Thursday with a conference call. Candice, Shannon, and Jill will represent school.</p> <p>Educational Excellence (Anne Franklin) - There is a meeting scheduled Monday, February 3, 2015. First action item is to develop an evaluation system for Executive Director.</p> <p>CAM (Alfred and Khristi) – Khristi working with Cornelius to discuss IT/Website information and coordinate internet correspondences.</p> <p>Facilities (Bob Kingery) – They have 3 times and have a proposal to sign an exclusive buyer/tenant representation agreement with SquareHat Real Estate. James Gerdtts will volunteer his real estate services with no fee at school. Summer will sign the agreement on behalf of the school.</p> <p>Finance (Kathleen Evans) – Kathleen passed out annual campaign donation forms in hopes to get 100% Board participation. Current amount of campaign is \$75,000 approximately. Candice is working on Auditor quotes and Benefits quotes.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Sean acknowledged Bob Whitehead for his leadership on keeping the Board more effective and professional in regards to policy and governance. Bob Whitehead joined the Board with no education background but has gained experience in understanding education. Bob recommended that the Board read Carver Boards that make a Difference. Bob cautioned the Board in making decisions for the Leader</p> <p>Meeting ended at 5:55pm  1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Bob Whitehead  2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Kathleen Evans  All in favor, No opposed.</p>