

The Exploris School / Board of Directors

Meeting: 2014 November 18, 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:

Sean Gargan (Chair)
Leah Perry (Faculty Rep.)
Kathleen Evans (Treasurer)
Summer Clayton (Executive Director)
Bob Kingery
Cal Cunningham
Candice Robinson (Note Taker)

Absent:

James Montague
Alfred Mays
Anne Franklin
Robert Whitehead
Kristi Tomlinson (PTO)
Kendall Hageman

Proceedings

Call to order

4:47pm
Quorum not established since only 4 voting members were present

Approval of Agenda

Summer proposed adding discussion of elementary facility
Kathleen made the motion
Bob 2nd the motion

Public Comment

No public was in attendance

From the Classroom

Laura discussed the 8th grade water project. 14 Counties were contacted that are affected by water quality and conservation (fracking). 2 students letters are being published in local papers.

Consent Agenda

October 2014 financials

Summer updated Board on the Self-Help Loan. ADM is 412 and last payment is expected 11/19/14 from the State.

Approval of October 2014 Board meeting minutes

Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Kathleen made the 2nd motion. All members presented approved the amended minutes.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitalized Expenses – Coding purchases for single items over \$2,500.00 • Board Committees <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance Committee (Kendall) 2. Academic Excellence (Anne) 3. Communications, Advocacy, and Marketing (CAM) Committee (Alfred) 4. School Development Committee (James) 5. Finance Committee (Kathleen) 	<p>requesting guidance to what all documents need to be changed. Cal will assist Summer with filing the name change on appropriate documents.</p> <p>Currently, items over \$1K are capitalized. There is no documentation. Kathleen made a proposal to capitalize a single item that is \$2,500.00 beginning with this current fiscal year. Bob 2nd the motion. All members approved Kathleen’s proposal.</p> <p>Governance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment has been the focus. Currently, she has reached out to 4 members. Seeking a recommendation to parent and teacher. Committee established in January. <p>CAM Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with PTO President to discuss current communication strategies • Began recruiting community members to be a part of committee • First meeting set for January 2015 <p>Academic Excellence Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Summer and Shannon to discuss current academic standings. Discuss future measurements of academic. Discuss a review procedure for Director. <p>School Development Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawsheen Baker (parent of 2 Exploris students) joined the committee. • Estimate \$300 per square foot which would be \$18 million dollar facility not including land • Proposal of 1-page with basic components of need for facility in January 2015 • Narrow down to 2 locations in Spring 2015 to focus efforts <p>Finance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer, Kathleen, and Candice met to revise budget. Propose revised budget in December Board meeting. Then, work on 5-year projection. • Kathleen about where fundraising was a part of what committee. Fundraising would be a part of School Development Committee.
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<p>Elementary Facility</p>	<p>Sean asked that Committee reports be submitted a week in advance to Board meeting. Board members can review and then ask questions during the update. Sean also brought up the need for a new Board member to replace Bob Whitehead. Sean mentioned the need for Fundraising/Capital Campaign experience. Sean mentioned combining Secretary/Treasurer position to add a member specific for Fundraising. Summer advise that By-Laws need to be reviewed in regards to what roles are specified.</p> <p>Topic was discussed two areas of damage to interior wall and buckled floor of Modular building (17 S. Swain Street). Summer has contacted ModSpace and ModSpace is to be at elementary school to repair the damage.</p> <p>2-Prong test to test water damage in walls. Bob mentioned that walls could be tested over the weekend to determine if there is moisture in the walls. Bob knows a person that has an expertise in the area of trailer facility construction to see about availability of conducting a walk-thru and provide a written report of moisture in both modular buildings.</p>
<p>Closed Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel 	<p>Board went into Closed Session as per NCGS 143-318-11(a)(1) for the purpose of discussing personnel. No action was taken.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Kathleen Evans motion to adjourn the meeting. Sean Gargan 2nd motion to adjourn the meeting. All approved the adjournment at 6:28pm.</p>