

## Exploris Middle School / Board of Directors

Meeting: 2014 October 21, 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:

Alfred Mays  
Anne Franklin  
Leah Perry (substitute for Laura Laut)  
Robert Whitehead  
Sean Gargan (Chair)  
Summer Clayton  
Cal Cunningham  
Candice Robinson (note taker)  
Kathleen Evans (Treasurer)  
Kristi Tomlinson (PTO)

### Absent:

James Montague  
Bob Kingery

## Proceedings

### Call to order

4:34pm

### Approval of Agenda

Add "announcement under new business" to agenda by Sean Gargan  
Anne Franklin motion for approval  
Cal Cunningham 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

### Public Comment

None

### From the Classroom

Shannon shared the EVAAS data for 2013-2014. Summer introduced the importance of data in regards to student achievement since Exploris is a Charter School. Summer also emphasized the importance of character traits, growth over time with the student, and continued exceeding growth. Shannon displayed a PowerPoint with the EVAAS data for the Board. Blue represented growth and green represented growth. 6<sup>th</sup> grade showed all students in math made growth (8.9 was average) in 2013-2014. 7<sup>th</sup> grade show growth except in the high subgroup, which were evaluated on Common Core I. 8<sup>th</sup> grade showed students grew as well except in the high subgroup. In reading, there was a 1.1 growth over 3 years in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 3.2 growths over 3 years in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 1.7 growths over 3 years in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. In reviewing the Science data the comparison is from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade scores.

	<p>The test is not cumulative but based on the 8<sup>th</sup> content for Science. Exploris meet expected growth in Science for 2013-2014. Overall, Exploris continued to show growth of all students in math and reading and met all the sub-groups for growth. Alfred mentioned using this data as a marketing tool to demonstrate that Exploris can meet all levels of student needs from struggling to gift/accelerated learners. Leah added that Exploris provides a holistic view to learning and teaching/educating the whole student.</p>
<p><b>Consent Agenda</b> September 2014 financials</p> <p>Approval of June, August, September Board meeting minutes</p>	<p>Robert Whitehead made motion to Approve the Consent Agenda. Kathleen Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All Board members approved the items on Consent Agenda.</p>
<p><b>Old Business</b> Elementary Construction Costs</p>	<p>Kathleen Evans (Treasurer) reviewed the Modular Budget. There was a budget variance of \$64,824.00 from the Original Budget and Actual Expenses. Exploris has a 2-year lease with Wood Pile, LLC on the elementary school land. The lease has an option to extend for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year at a predetermined rent, as stated in the lease. Sean asked to note on the calendar that we notify Wood Pile, LLC to exercise the 3<sup>d</sup> year option between 210 to 180 days prior to the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.</p> <p>Action to have Cal Cunningham to review the ModSpace contract to determine if Board can dispute the incidental costs (Bollards and Park Rec. costs).</p> <p>PTO has provided \$10,000.00 to provide the needs at Elementary School.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b> <b>* Board Committees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Governance Committee (Kendall)</li> <li>- Academic Excellence (Anne)</li> <li>- Communications, Advocacy, and Marketing (CAM) Committee (Alfred)</li> <li>- School Development Committee (James)</li> <li>- Finance Committee (Kathleen)</li> </ul>	<p>Governance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kendall is reaching out to old members and recruiting new members. Once determined, policies will be reviewed, revised as needed.</li> <li>• New legislative and budget requirements and oversight (hand-out from Summer)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SB 793 - Board members get preference in lottery similar to staff members</li> </ul>

<p>Announcement from Sean Gargan (added in Approval of the Agenda)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Epinephrine Auto-Injectors on School Property</li> <li>- Open meeting laws</li> </ul> <p>Academic Excellence Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne is working on setting up a committee</li> </ul> <p>CAM Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alfred is reaching out previous members and recruiting new members.</li> <li>• Research current communication venues then explore other options in order to market Exploris.</li> <li>• Kristi Tomlinson volunteered to be a part of this committee.</li> </ul> <p>School Development Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James was not present.</li> <li>• Cal updated the Board that Greg Hatem of Empire Properties submitted a proposal to the City of Raleigh to redevelop Stone's Warehouse. The proposal was prepared by Gordon Smith and included references to Exploris, though the proposal made clear that it did not have the endorsement of Exploris.</li> </ul> <p>Finance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathleen referenced the Construction Costs budget.</li> <li>• Kathleen has not moved forward on the committee. She would like to move forward on a 5-year budget.</li> <li>• Reminder about the kick-off for the Annual Campaign Fund at the Adult Social on Wednesday, 10/22/14, at Contemporary Art Museum in Raleigh, NC. A goal of \$100K for the Annual Campaign.</li> </ul> <p>Sean noted that Robert Whitehead may not be able to stay on the Board after February 2015. He will be taking a Chairman position with another Non-Profit that he has been apart of since 2006. Anne mentioned looking at an analysis of new families that have joined Exploris. Cal mentioned looking at an Elementary parent representative on the Board.</p> <p>Sean announced that Summer will be attending a conference in New York on behalf of Lea(R)n to</p>
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	introduce the company. Exploris has partnered with this company as part of the Beta group.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Kathleen Evans motion to adjourn the meeting. Anne Franklin 2 <sup>nd</sup> motion to adjourn the meeting. All approved the adjournment at 6:04pm.