

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – THE EXPLORIS SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 4:30 PM

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

Meeting Minutes

Voting Members:

1. James Gerdts (Chairperson) – present
2. Kendall Hageman (Vice Chairperson) – present
3. Tom Miller (Secretary) – present
4. Mike Fields (Treasurer) – present
5. Bob Kingery – present
6. Anne Franklin – present
7. Keely Byars-Nichols – present
8. Brooke Somers (PTO President) – present
9. Alfred Mays – present
10. Cal Cunningham – present

Non-Voting Members:

11. Summer Clayton (Executive Director) – present
12. Ann-Marie Taranto (Faculty Representative) – present
13. Candice Robinson (Amanuensis) – present

I. Call to Order & Welcome

- a. Board Chair James Gerdts called the meeting to order at 4:35pm

II. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

- a. **Motion:** Remove Job Description for Executive Director from Agenda
- b. **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion: Approved

III. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

- a. **Motion:** Approve the minutes from the December 1, 2015 Meeting with changes.
 - i. **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion: Approved

IV. Reports – 15 to 20 minutes excluding Committee Reports

- a. President's Report
 - i. Nothing to report
- b. Vice-President's Report
 - i. Nothing to Report
- c. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Nothing to Report
- d. Secretary's Report
 - i. Send information and reports by January 19, 2016 in order to get out and added to January 26, 2016 agenda

- e. Executive Director's Report
 - i. Brief Review of Charter School Renewal Self-Study
 - 1. Refer to hand-out of summary
 - 2. Next step in the process is a Site visit in May 2016
 - ii. **2016-2017 Academic Calendar**
 - 1. **Motion (Cal) Second (Mike):** Approve the proposed 2016-2017 Academic Calendar as presented
 - a. **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion: Approved
- f. Faculty Representative's Report
 - i. School is approaching the end of the 2nd Trimester. 7th Grade is going to be doing a display on the First Friday (January 8, 2016) on Immigration Expedition. 2/3 Team is going to be doing a display on the First Friday (January 8, 2016) on their latest expedition.
- g. PTO President's Report
 - i. Winter Thanks was completed for staff. Brainstorming for purchasing supplies through school with a donation to students that cannot afford. Teacher Appreciation week is currently being worked on.
- h. Committee Reports
 - i. Executive (Kendall Hageman)
 - 1. Met over the holiday break to include Mike, Tom, Kendall, and James. Discussion resolved around how to support Executive Director priorities and the Strategic Plan through a calendar.
 - 2. Working on making Board meetings more efficient by providing materials a minimum of 1 week prior to the monthly meeting.
 - ii. Facilities Development (Bob Kingery)
 - 1. **Elementary School Campus Lease**
 - a. **Motion (Cal) Second (Mike) :** Approve a lease extension for the elementary school for one year for \$4,500.00 per month
 - i. **Vote:** Unanimous; Motion: Approved
 - 2. **Property Contract Discussion**
 - a. **Moved to Closed Session (relation to purchase of lease extension)**
 - b. **Motion (Bob) Second (Tom):** Approve \$20K additional earnest money to extend the closing date to March 2016 and the total funds (\$70K) would be non-refundable
 - i. **Motion:** Unanimous; Motion: Approved
 - iii. Governance (Tom Miller)
 - 1. **Political Activity Policy**
 - a. **Motion (Tom) Second (Bob):** Original language with Part 3 (State Law Limitation on Political Activity) added to approve
 - i. **Motion:** 5 (yes), 5 (no); Motion: Failed
 - ii. **2nd Motion (Cal) Second (Anne):** Accept the full revision of the 3rd draft to approve

