

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – THE EXPLORIS SCHOOL

Tuesday, June 28, 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

(Items in bold require Board action)

Voting Members:

1. James Gerdts (Chairperson) – Present
2. Kendall Hageman (Vice Chairperson) – resigned 06/27/2016
3. Tom Miller (Secretary) – Present (via teleconference)
4. Mike Fields (Treasurer) – Not Present
5. Bob Kingery – Not Present
6. Anne Franklin – Present
7. Keely Byars-Nichols – Present
8. Brooke Somers (PTO President) – Not Present
9. Cal Cunningham – Present (via teleconference)

Non-Voting Members:

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

I. Opening Items

- a. Record Attendance and Guests
- b. Call to Order
 - i. Board Chair James Gerdts called the meeting to order at 4:37pm
- c. Approve Agenda
 - i. **Motion:** Approve with moving Executive Director Report to end of meeting as distributed by Keely (1st), and Anne (2nd)
 - ii. **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion: Approved
- d. Approve Minutes
 - i. **Motion:** Approve April Board Minutes as corrected

II. Executive Director Report

- a. Enrollment
 - i. 2016-2017 enrollment will be 420 students. 4th grade is reduced by 4 students to 40 students (add 10 new 4th grade students).
- b. Hiring/Changes next year
 - i. 4 new academic teachers
 - ii. 2 new administrator positions

- c. Prelim Achievement Data
 - i. 3rd grade & 8th grade went down in proficiency in math and reading
 - ii. 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th went up in proficiency in all tested areas

III. Facilities

- a. Update on Development
 - i. Extends 30 days to get financial lay-out and usage plan for land/facility
 - ii. Discuss the plans for philanthropy and finance of the building
 - iii. Mike is lead on the Bond process
- b. Approve Extension/Development Plan
 - i. **Motion:** Approve Extension/Development Plan as distributed by Cal(1st) and Keely (2nd)
 - ii. **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion: Approved

IV. Finance

- a. Review Monthly Financial Statements
 - i. The May financials are in alignment with an expected surplus of revenue.
 - ii. Recommendation to have a 2 month fund balance. The reserves show approx.. \$500K with monthly costs about \$300K.
- b. Approve FY17 Budget
 - i. **Motion:** Approve the FY17 Budget as proposed by James (1st), and Kelly (2nd)
 - ii. **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion: Approved

V. Governance

- a. Approve Updated By-Laws
 - i. **Motion:** Approve the Updated By-Laws as presented by James (1st) and Anne (2nd)
 - ii. **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion: Approved
- b. Board Recruitment
 - i. There will be 2 open spots as of July 1, 2016. The Board needs to develop the skill sets that are needed for the new Board members to join.
 - ii. If you know a possible individual, please send information to Tom.

VI. Educational Excellence

- a. EEC 3-year plan
 - i. Commitment to increasing economically disadvantaged student population over the next 4 years.
 - ii. Ground work on starting free/reduced lunch program, training of staff, and meeting needs in the community

VII. Other Business

- a. None noted

- VIII. Closing Items
 - a. Adjourn Meeting
 - i. James adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm