MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EXPLORIS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Tuesday, October 16, 2012
4:00 PM

It is the mission of Exploris Middle School to create a challenging and supportive learning community that engages each student in understanding and building a connected, just, and sustainable world.

Board Members Present: Liz Baird
Kathleen Evans
Matt Friedrick
Karen Barlow
Barry Koster
Sean Gargan
Kendall Hageman
Dave Currens

EMS Staff Present: Summer Clayton
Jenne Mondry

Board Members Absent: Susan Johnston

PTO Representative Present: Tammi Garceran

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME
Liz Baird called the meeting together at 4:07.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
We will hold off on considering the September minutes until the November meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES from September 17, 2012

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS
• Issues surrounding IDEA - Summer overviewed the terms and policies involved in special education, including physical and instructional accommodations of students. See the attached powerpoint given in the Oct. 16 meeting that overviews these terms and policies.

• CIPP and the current status - Every year Exploris needs to create a plan for how we will address our Continuous Improvement Performance Plan {see ppt. again}

• Presentation of Board Policies for the Desk Audit - includes 1) time and effort reporting; 2) equipment and purchasing procedures; 3) proportionate share; 4) maintenance of effort. See attached documents of the time and effort; property records; and conflict of interest policies.
• New Achievement Reports -
  • New assessment tools - A committee of teachers worked last year on Exploris’ communications to parents about student progress. This year Summer and faculty have developed a new reporting form that delineates progress based on five levels of accomplishments and that aligns to the Common Core standards.

• Recruitment of New Board Members
  • There are two spots that will be open on the board in the coming year. A letter has gone to parents asking for nominations. The board discussed several skills that we think could be helpful, such as: small business; legislative connections and fundraising; STEM/global; school alumni. The governance committee of the Board will review applications by the next meeting on November 13.

TREASURER’S REPORT
• Kathleen reported on current expenditures. We should have around 75% remaining in our budget for this year. A few line items are over budget, but not significantly. One of these line items is the rent on the building, which is over budget. The projected deficit of $66,000 still looks likely.

ACTION ITEMS
• Approval of Policies. The following documents were approved unanimously as presented to the Board.
  o Time & Effort
  o Property Records
  o Conflict of Interest

• Approval of NBCT raise (12% of Base Pay)
  o The Board unanimously approved granting raises for National Board Certified Teachers once they receive their certification.

NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2012, and the following will be December 11, 2012.
• Office of Charter Schools Presentation
• Wake County Middle School Achievement Results
• 2013-2014 Calendar
• Presentation of Board Nominees
• Update on Wireless Generation

ADJOURNMENT
The Board adjourned at 6:00.