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 (joined at 5:14pm via teleconference)

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 4:30pm

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda
   a. **Motion**: Remove Bonuses under Section V, Part H, #5 until December Board meeting
   b. **Vote**: Unanimous, Motion: Approved

III. Presentation by Sam Houston
   a. Alfred Mays made introduction of Sam Houston
   b. Sam Houston spoke on Fair Funding for public charter schools. He noted his concerns with the fight over funding versus the ability to have choice over decisions for the school. He agrees that any local money that is awarded by a schools ADM should be shared with charter schools (in regards to Fund 8).

IV. Approval of Minutes from Last Two Meetings
   a. **Motion**: Approve the minutes from the September 22, 2015 Meeting with changes.
      i. **Vote**: Unanimous, Motion: Approved
b. **Motion:** Approve the minutes from closed session from September 22, 2015 Meeting as provided to Board  
   i. **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion: Approved  
c. **Motion:** Approve the minutes from the September 26, 2015 Meeting minutes  
   i. **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion: Approved  

V. Committee Reports  
   a. Committee Reports  
      i. Facilities Development (Bob Kingery)  
         1. **Development Partner Recommendation**  
            a. **Motion:** James Gerdts motion to move to closed session due to G.S. 143-318.11 to discuss finances in a contract  
               b. Second: Cal Cunningham  
               c. **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion: Approved  
      ii. Governance (Tom Miller) We have established our committee and have a meeting scheduled to discuss our goals, purpose, meeting schedule for the year.  
      iii. Educational Excellence (Anne Franklin)  
         1. **Job Description for Executive Director**  
            a. Post-pone to December 1 Board meeting  
         2. **Diversity and Lottery Policy:** There was lengthy discussion regarding the school’s current demographics and data submitted by the Educational Excellence Committee.  
            a. **Motion:** Add to Strategic Plan Goal 1.4 “that by 2021, the student population of The Exploris School community will reflect the demographic composition, racial and socioeconomic, of the general population of Wake County.”  
               i. 2nd Motion: Cal Cunningham  
               ii. **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion: Approved  
            b. **Motion:** Adopt the proposed Lottery Policy to include weighted lottery (Year 1 (16-17) is 8%, Year 2 (17-18) is 10%, Year 3 (18-19) is 15%, Year 4 (19-20) is 20%, and Year 5 (20-21) is 25% of total student enrollment) for economically disadvantaged students and to seek State Board approval for the new Lottery Policy  
               i. 2nd Motion: Keely Byars-Nichols  
               ii. **Vote:** 8 approved, James Gerdts abstained from vote, Brooke Somers voted no, Motion: Approved
Meeting Note: These percentages in the policy would equate to the total population of students in the school meeting the “Economically Disadvantaged” criteria. The current school rate is 8% with more data to collect. As a result, there would not likely be a “Weighted Lottery” for enrollment in 2016-2017. There is still work to be done in regards to planning and fiscal resources to support goal 1.4 of the strategic plan.

iv. Finance (Mike Fields)
   1. **Bonuses discussion - moved to November Agenda**

VI. Unfinished Business
   a. Annual Schedule of Board Meetings (2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd} or 4\textsuperscript{th} Tuesday?)
      i. **Reschedule the November 24\textsuperscript{th} meeting – November 17\textsuperscript{th}?**
         1. **Motion:** Move November 24, 2015 meeting to Tuesday, December 1, 2015
         2. Vote: Unanimous, Motion: Approved
      ii. **Reschedule the December 22\textsuperscript{nd} meeting – December 15\textsuperscript{th}?**
         1. **Motion:** Reschedule December 22, 2015 meeting to January 5, 2016
         2. Vote: Unanimous, Motion: Approved

VII. Public Comment
   a. Barbara Palansky
      i. Provided concerns to the board in regards to middle school.

VIII. Upcoming Agenda
   a. Policy on Political and Legislative Activity (Cal Cunningham)

IX. Adjourn
   i. James Gerdts made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm