

September 2014 Board Meeting

September 16, 2014

(Revised per Board input September 19, 2014)

Board member attendees:

Summer Clayton
Kathleen Evans
Anne Franklin
Sean Gargan
Kendall Hageman
Bob Kingery
Bob Whitehead
Alfred Mays
Cal Cunningham

Non-voting members:

Candice Robinson
Khristi Tomlinson
Laura Laut

Other attendees:

Shannon Hardy

Approval of September Meeting Agenda

→ Approved (none opposed)

- Cal introduced himself to Board members
- Presentation by “Green Team” at Exploris on composting
 - 23% of trash in landfill is recycleable paper
 - Holly Springs is only “Raleigh” landfill location
 - 40% of food is being thrown away in the U.S.; composting would solve this problem
 - 2 compost bins = \$374 each; about \$34/week for compost pickup service

Consent Agenda

→ Motion to approve FY14 Year End, July, and August financials approved (none opposed)

New Business

- Review of June and August minutes with edits as discussed and per K. Evans email to Board prior to meeting; revisions sent to B. Whitehead for revision and return.

→ action item for Anne to spend some time with Secretary to review procedural issues for minutes and related administrative procedures

→ Motion approved to consider review of minutes postponed until next meeting to provide opportunity for revision/correction (none opposed)

Election of Board Officers and Review of Board Committee Structure and Assignments

- FY2015, 1-year term for each
- proposal to solicit staff for assisting Secretary with note-taking, recordkeeping, and related document management duties accountable to Secretary, funded perhaps by stipend
- would also provide continuity between successive Secretary terms
- enacting Section 2 of bylaws to appoint an agent who functions to provide roles in support of the Secretary (an officer/voting member of the Board)
- Laura volunteered, but Board members felt her role on the Board is too important and needs to be given her full attention/participation
- Motion approved (none opposed): Secretary to appoint an agent to facilitate administrative duties; agent will be offered a stipend; Summer and Kathleen to work through the details
- Motion approved (none opposed): Sean to continue another term as Chair
- Motion approved (none opposed): Kendall to serve as Vice-Chair
- Motion approved (none opposed): Bob Whitehead to serve as Secretary
- Motion approved (none opposed): Kathleen to serve as Treasurer; Candice to provide support role (she is already heavily immersed in the financials)

Board Committee Structure and Assignments

- Committees can have members of community serving; must be one Board director
- Kendall to serve as lead of Governance Committee
- Academic Excellence Committee: Anne volunteered; important that she can take a fresh view and apply her leadership to take a “deep dive” into this committee, rather than being an expert in and of itself
- Communications, Advocacy, and Marketing (CAM) Committee: Alfred to serve as lead; James and Wanza may be interested in this committee as well
- School Development Committee: Bob Kingery interested in participating; this committee responsible for finding the land, working with developers; Sean nominated James to participate; Cal willing to help support effort; Chair to talk with James about nomination to lead the committee; opportunity to reach into the parent community for additional support
 - Philanthropy Subcommittee: some Board members suggested this might be a separate committee under the Cap Dev/Finance Committee; decision to defer this committee appointment/organization
 - Facilities Subcommittee: decision to defer this committee appointment/organization
- Finance Committee: responsible for fiscal health monitoring, presentation of financials to Board; one member to serve on Philanthropy Subcommittee and Facilities Subcommittee; Kathleen volunteered to lead this committee

Elementary Status Update

- don't have the CO; electrical inspector coming tomorrow to signoff; fire inspector to be here on Thursday, which means no CO on Thursday
- water meters being expedited (not in place)
- decking needs to be completed; building inspector on vacation until Thursday; hopefully sub will be out tomorrow, must approve footings for accessibility ramp;
- after these 4 items, could get temporary CO
- can't have furniture delivered until fire inspector completes inspection; hoping to do this on Friday
- looked at renting another facility (Halifax Community Center off of Peace St; kids have been in camps there since delay) for next Monday-Wednesday as backup plan
- Motion approved (none opposed): Authorizing Summer to do what is necessary to secure space with Halifax Center (potentially including a week-long lease) so that school can be open on Monday and parents do not incur any additional costs

School Name

- important that we denote ourselves as a school and to continue use of "Exploris" in the name (because of the brand value), with a potential tagline of "A K-8 Learning Community" in some communications/collateral
- Motion approved to formally adopt the name "The Exploris School" (B. Whitehead opposed)

Stones Warehouse – Next Steps

- proposal from Gordon Smith; Empire Properties to submit proposal under their name
- Exploris unaware that RFP had been issued; proposal due Oct 8
- \$2.5M property as-is, will need environmental remediation
- would be limited outdoor space (other than rooftop)
- discussion of low chance of success given our lack of participation in the process, the number of variables and dependencies (with other parties involved); the fact that we are not developers and our focus is to educate children and support families in doing so
- The School Development Committee is tasked with finding the permanent facility for Exploris and all work related to finding that facility should be directed and managed by them.
- Motion approved (none opposed): Postpone further discussion on Stones Warehouse and not reconvene on the subject until next month Board meeting