REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THE EXPLORIS SCHOOL
Tuesday, September 22, 2015 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.

Minutes

Voting Members:  
James Gerdts (Chairperson) – present  
Kendall Hageman (Vice Chairperson) – present  
Mike Fields (Treasurer) – present  
Tom Miller (Secretary) – present  
Cal Cunningham – present via teleconference (departed at 6:39pm)  
Anne Franklin – present (arrived at 4:39pm)  
Bob Kingery – present via teleconference (departed at 6:29)  
Alfred Mays – present  
Keely Byars-Nichols – present  
Brooke Somers (PTO President) – present

Non-Voting Members:  
Summer Clayton (Executive Director) – present  
Ann-Marie Taranto (Faculty Representative) – present  
Candice Robinson (Amanuensis) – present

I. Call to Order & Welcome  
Board Chair James Gerdts called the meeting to order at 4:31pm

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda  
Motion: Approve the meeting agenda with addition of Fair Funding to the agenda  
➢ Vote: Unanimous, Motion: Approved

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting  
Motion: Approve the minutes from the September Meeting (Mike Fields left at 5:30pm, Alfred Mays left at 6pm)  
➢ Vote: Unanimous, Motion: Approved

IV. Capital Campaign Update by Ann Thomas of Cap Dev  
• Focus on 4 areas: (1) case support - how to articulate the vision and value to the community, (2) leadership – best structure for internal and external audience, (3) donor prospects – who are we asking money from, and (4) internally ready based on campaign readiness report  
• Kristi Pettibone presented information on the Annual Campaign. Kick-off is October 14, 2015 at the PTO Fall Adult Social. Kristi invited each Board member to the Kick-off and challenge to 100% participation PRIOR to PTO Fall Adult Social.

V. Reports  
A. President’s Report: James Gerdts wants to focus on more formalize Board meeting.  
B. Vice-President’s Report: None  
C. Treasurer’s Report
1. Mike Fields distributed the August 2015 Budget Report.
2. Balance Sheet request put in with Acadia.
3. Audit is behind since Acadia has not send all requested information to Thomas, Judy, and Tucker

D. Secretary’s Report
   1. Provided a list of Recommended Board Binder documents for each Board member to access.
   2. Recommendation to store the documents in one central area in addition to a hard copy of each is stored away with a flash drive.

E. Executive Director’s Report
   1. EVAAS data was reviewed. Overall, grades 6-8 grew but 4-5 did not grow.
   2. Summer updated on changes made for 15-16 school year from faculty teaching position changes, MAP testing grades 3-8, MClass testing in grades K-3, and instructional coach position added.
      a. Mr. Mays asked Ms. Clayton how she knew to make these changes. Ms. Clayton shared that she and her team have been gathering data and observing teachers throughout the entire year and knew changes were needed to strengthen the elementary school’s academic standing.

F. Faculty Representative’s Report
   1. None

G. PTO President’s Report
   1. Family Picnic this Sunday at Pullen Park from 4pm – 7pm
   2. Adult Social on October 14, 2015 at CAM from 5:30pm – 8:30pm
   3. Craft Fair on Raleigh Christmas Parade to raise money for Outward Bound trip

H. Committee Reports
   1. Facilities Development (Bob Kingery)
      a. Moved to Closed Session due to G.S. 143-318.11 relate to the location, real estate transaction, or expansion of the organization.
         ➢ Motion: James Gerdts motion to move out of close session.
         ➢ Second: Tom Miller
         ➢ Voting: Unanimous, Motion approved
      b. Move out of closed session:
         ➢ Motion: James Gerdts motion to move out of close session.
         ➢ Second: Tom Miller
         ➢ Voting: Unanimous, Motion approved
      c. Elementary School Lease
         ➢ Motion: Tom Miller motion to approve the negotiation of the term on the extension of the elementary school lease.
         ➢ Second: Brooke Somers
         ➢ Voting: Unanimous, Motion approved
      d. Facility Development Plans
         ➢ Motion: James Gerdts motion to move forward with a building plan.
         ➢ Second: Brooke Somers
2. Governance (Kendall Hageman)
   a. Governance Committee: Kendall Hageman will be stepping down as Chair. Tom Miller will assume the Chair of the Governance committee

4. Educational Excellence (Anne Franklin)
   a. Job Description for Executive Director: Moved to October Board Meeting
   b. Diversity and Lottery Policy: Exploris has been interested in policy since 2013. Economically Disadvantaged would be given a preference in the lottery similar to siblings, staff children, and Board Member children.
      ➢ Motion: Tom Miller motion for Educational Excellence committee to continue to work on policy and vote on the policy at the October meeting
      ➢ Second: Anne Franklin
      ➢ Voting: Unanimous, Motion approved

V Unfinished Business
1. Annual Schedule of Board Meetings: James Gerdts will send out a Survey Monkey to discuss at the October Board meeting
2. Status of School’s Legal Name Change: NC Secretary of State has approved name change. Federal and State components will be filed as completed.

VI New Business
A. Fair Funding: Brooke Somers asked the board for permission to inform the stakeholders regarding Fair Funding Legislation (House Bill 539). The Legislation would return the local funding model back to its original structure, eliminating most restricted funds from public charter schools.
   ➢ Motion: Brooke Somers asked the board for permission to inform the parents regarding the fair funding legislation.
   ➢ Second: Tom Miller
   ➢ Voting: 4 (yes – Mike Fields, James Gerdts, Tom Miller, and Brooke Somers) and 3 (no – Anne Franklin, Kendall Hageman, and Keely Nichols-Byars) and 1 (abstain – Alfred Mays)

VII. Public Comment
   ➢ None

VIII. Upcoming Agenda Topics A.
Weighted Lottery Discussion
Motion to Adjourn

- Motion: James Gerdts motion to adjourn meeting at 7:03pm
- Second: Tom Miller
- Vote: Unanimous, Motion approved