

Exploris Middle School / Board of Directors

Meeting: 2013 Sep 17, 4:30PM-6PM at Exploris Middle School

Mission: Exploris is a learning community that engages students in a rigorous, relevant, relationship-based education. This is done through experiential, project-based learning that empowers students to build a connected, just and sustainable world.

Attendees:

Summer Clayton (Director of Exploris)
 Kathleen Evans
 Liz Baird
 Sean Gargan (Chair)
 Shannon Hardy (observing)
 Susan Johnston
 Barrett Koster (Secretary)
 Bob Whitehead
 Cheryl Rogers (PTO president)
 Anne Franklin
 Laura Laut

Absent:

Wes Moore (intern from Duke)
 Rachael Lambert (intern from Duke)
 Kendall Hageman

Proceedings ...	
Call to order	4:34 PM
Agenda	approved
Public comments	Sarah and Ted Rex presented results of a parent survey and spoke about their desire to strengthen our defenses against sexual predators. Becky Law was also present and voiced her concerns.
From the Classroom	Laura Laut presented an overview of current work in 6th, 7th and 8th grades, noting that students are excited about their projects, and that they conform to NC standards.
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of July and Aug. Financials Approval of Aug. 20, 2013 minutes 	<p>motion-SJ, 2nd-____, - approved.</p>
New Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative Updates 	<p>-- House bill 250 passed, expanding the lottery choices and preferences among people with existing ties to the school</p> <p>-- Senate bill 337 passed, adding a 5-year renewal fee for charters.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee Background Check Policy (5100) 	<p>-- Summer presented a draft of an updated policy for employee background checks. The Board added "The Director shall create procedures to ensure confidentiality of all applicant's records" to the last paragraph.</p> <p>Motion to adopt - AF, 2nd SJ, approved.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Safety Procedures 	<p>Community relations (4600). Summer presented a draft policy assigning the Director general power and responsibility for regulating people who come on contact with students.</p> <p>motion - LB. 2nd - CR. approved.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance Policy (3050) 	<p>Summer presented a draft attendance policy, which will increase awareness among parents of financial consequences to the school of absences.</p> <p>motion - KE, 2nd SJ, approved.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personnel Handbook (continued from August) 	<p>Summer presented a draft of an updated Faculty Development policy, clarifying trip procedures and aligning with State and Federal guidelines.</p> <p>BK - motion, AF- 2nd, approved.</p>
<p>6. COMMITTEE REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Plan Governance Financial Educational Excellence 	<p>Finances - no important updates.</p> <p>Strategic plan. Susan reports that Capital Campaign is proceeding, with meeting last Thursday and presence at City Council meeting in regard to Stone building.</p>
<p>announcement</p>	<p>Liz will coordinate feedback to the team that helped us with strategic planning.</p> <p>Exploris is helping with the Festival In Motion at Walnut Creek Wetland.</p>
<p>adjournment</p>	<p>5:59</p>
<p>Next meeting: October 15, 2013 4:30pm</p>	