



Explorations Charter School

Minutes

Board Retreat

Semi-Annual Retreat

Date and Time

Saturday August 5, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Location

Explorations Charter School Cafeteria (Virtual Link available)

Directors Present

Bill Hallam, Ginni Block, Hilary Paden (remote), Lori Noto, Robert Peterson, Sarah Annis Haynes

Directors Absent

Melony Brady-Shanley

Ex Officio Members Present

Joe White

Non Voting Members Present

Joe White

Guests Present

Jill Johnson

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Robert Peterson called a meeting of the board of directors of Explorations Charter School to order on Saturday Aug 5, 2023 at 9:03 AM.

C. Greetings / personal news

Board members shared personal news.

II. Renewal / Corrective Action Plan Review & Discussion

A. PLC Implementation

PLC stands for Professional Learning Community.

It will take place 2x a month.

Humanities or Stem

Ed Advance will help with this

B. Attendance / Chronic Absenteeism Response

New policies to address Attendance issues per request of the State

If miss 10 days for half the year , 20 days for the year, you need to make it up

@ 2 absences staff will meet with student

Set up google voice accounts for Jill, Bill, Joe and Melinda

Board members will also join meeting with students

If a student transfers in mid year, their attendance from the previous school comes with them.

State will need to understand that Graduation numbers are going to go down, Because of the new attendance policy

C. Discipline Procedures

Discipline forms will return to be filled out on paper to be given to Bill.

Bill will input them into Swiss online system.

Looking for staff to intervene more and to hold students more accountable.

III. Discussion: General

A. Board on Track Program

Discussion held about the continued use of Board of Track.

Cost is \$5,500. Organization is great. Trainings to be informative.

Looking for a grant from the NW Bank to help with the costs.

Board members are to be participating in Trainings. Need to be collect the information of what trainings have members participated in.

B. Board Meetings

Board Meetings to be held third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30pm.

Next Board Meeting September 19th.

C. Board Recruitment

Board needs to recruit more members.

Former Students?

Possible parent/grant writer? Jill to follow up

Current Junior to add as student representative to serve for 2 years

Someone from the Community

Reach out to Ed Advance for suggestions

D. Graduation Requirements

Public Act 1165 - An Act Concerning Financial Literacy Instruction will start with the graduation classes of 2027

Capstone projects will no longer be required by law. Capstone projects will be offered as an elective for Seniors.

IV. Committee Updates

A. Director Evaluation

Lori to update. Board on Track to be used as a tool to help with this.

B. Education

No update at this time.

C. Finance

Table discussion till next meeting.

D. Personnel

Bill Hallam to join committee to help review/update handbook.

E. Policy 5113 - Attendance and Excuses

Robert Peterson made a motion to Accept policy 5113.

Lori Noto seconded the motion.

Add 2 mental health days

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Policy 5144.4 Physical Exercise and Discipline

Ginni Block made a motion to to accept policy 5144.4.

Lori Noto seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

G. Policy 5131.911 Bullying

Discussion held. Policy to be sent to the attorney for review.

H. Policy 5133.2 Unexcused Absences - Truancy

Robert Peterson made a motion to to accept policy 5133.2.

Ginni Block seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

I. Policy 4148_4218 Liability Protection for School Employees

Robert Peterson made a motion to accept update policy 4148_4218.

Ginni Block seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

J. Policy 6146 Graduation Requirements

Robert Peterson made a motion to accept policy 6146.

Ginni Block seconded the motion.

To update that Capstone project is now optional

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

K. Huge THANK YOU to Joe and Beth for their continued work on the policies!

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Peterson