

APPROVED



Explorations Charter School

Minutes

Governing Board Regular Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Directors Present

Ginni Block (remote), Lori Noto (remote), Robert Peterson (remote), Sarah Annis Haynes (remote)

Directors Absent

Bill Hallam, Hilary Paden, Melony Brady-Shanley

Ex Officio Members Present

Joe White (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

Joe White (remote)

Guests Present

Jill Johnson (remote), Susan O'Rourke (remote)

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 Tuesday Nov 21, 2023 at 5:32 PM.

C. Approve Minutes - 10/17/2023 Regular Board Meeting

Ginni Block made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Regular Meeting on 10-17-23.

Robert Peterson seconded the motion.

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

II. Financial

A. Monthly Report

Susan presented. 33% into the school year. Had to buy new QuickBooks. There will be a new budget to be reviewed by Finance.

Robert Peterson made a motion to Approve the Finance Report for October.

Ginni Block seconded the motion.

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

III. Committee Updates

A. Finance Committee

Finance Committee needs to meet.

B. Policy Committee

None at this time.

C. Personnel Committee

Bill and Sarah have had scheduling issues. Hoping to meet soon.

D. Director Evaluation

Lori suggested that we start fresh in January. Ginni and Lori to meet with Leo from Board on Track to hopefully get better templates to be used.

IV. School News

A. Attendance/Chronic Absenteeism

October:

CA (ytd) = 28.8% (was 41.9% last year)

Avg Daily Attendance = 90.1% (up from % last year)

Avg. Daily Attendance / CA

9th - 87.6% - 26.7%

10th - 92.67% - 23.8%

11th - 89.92% - 25.9%

12th - 89.47% - 41.2%

Joe and Beth spend 2-3 days a week on attendance issues.

State noticed chronic absenteeism down from from last year and last month.

Bob, Sarah and Jill have held tried to meet with chronically absents students and their parents. Only three meetings have had both a parent and a child have attended.

B. General Updates

1. Enrollment: Started the year with 89 students. Currently down to 80.
Discussion held.

V. Other Business

A. Renewal Visit Discussion

State visit went well. They stated that they are seeing improvements in curriculum and attendance. All issues were addressed.

December 12 - Public Hearing

December 13 - Snow Date of Public Hearing

B. Flooding Emergency Update

1. Winsted Health Center - Jeff continues to hold art classes up there. Jeff uses the van for one call for a student who is in the wheelchair and another in crutches.
2. Public Adjuster - Positive things, working on final numbers.
3. Asbestos Update - No asbestos found
4. St. Anthony - Joe to follow up about getting more information.

C. Board Members

1. State requested that we need a new teacher representative. Jill is to ask at a staff meeting who might be interested. Will need to put this in teacher contracts.
2. Need to find a Current parent rep.
3. Need a student rep.

VI. 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 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Peterson

Documents used during the meeting

- Monthly Report October 2023.pdf