

APPROVED



Explorations Charter School

Minutes

Governing Board Regular Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday January 23, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location

Virtual

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

Bill Hallam, Melony Brady-Shanley

Guests Present

Jill Johnson (remote), Joe White (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 Jan 23, 2024 at 5:33 PM.

C. Approve Minutes - 12/19/2023 Regular Board Meeting

Robert Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Regular Meeting on 12-19-23.

Hilary Paden seconded the motion.

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

II. Financial

A. Monthly Report

Ginni Block made a motion to Approve the Financial Report.

Lori Noto seconded the motion.

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

III. Committee Updates

A. Finance Committee

In February or March we will have the Financial Audit Report.

Waiting to hear back from Health Insurance Collective.

B. Director Evaluation Committee

Lori and Ginni met. They contacted Leo from Board on Track.

They will use Board on Track to disseminate the evaluation to the staff.

They will use a Google Form through the use of Plus Portals for parents and students.

C. Personnel Committee

Bill and Sarah are hoping to have it ready for the Personnel Handbook ready for the February meeting.

IV. School News

A. Attendance/Chronic Absenteeism

December:

CA (ytd) = 38.0% (was 50.6% last year)

Avg Daily Attendance = 89.09% (up from 86% last year)

Avg. Daily Attendance / CA

9th - 85.00% - 40%

10th - 92.71% - 33%

11th - 87.96% - 41%

12th - 90.05% - 38%

Discussion held:

Second round of meetings with staff and parents are starting.

Ed Advance created "Attendance Packets" that will be available. Slogan "School is better with you here."

Are there any studies on "What is the family psyche for Chronic Absenteeism?" That we can look at?

Would a testimony from another student help? One that messed up but then got back on track?

Joe and Beth spend easily half of their day dealing with attendance issues.

B. General Updates

1. Enrollment

6 students have been accepted making the enrollment a total of 85 students.

Bill has been working with the Enrollment Committee. They are working on things like Rejuvenating Adventure Ed. An example would be to hike the Appalachian Trail in CT in the 4 years that you attend. Becomes hiking with a purpose.

2. New Teacher Representative for the Board

Two teachers have volunteered to be the Teacher Representative. Will look into the possibility that one would be the regular the other an alternate?

3. Need a parent of a current student.

Jill and Joe to meet on this.

V. Other Business

A. CCA Meeting with Sue Lubomski (EdAdvance)

<https://youtu.be/oQWAintPMsU>

New program to start next year in Torrington. Dual enrollment in school and the other half would be in things like manufacturing. Transportation would be covered.

B. Flooding Emergency Update

Hoping to see first check in 2 - 3 weeks from Insurance.

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 6:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Peterson

Documents used during the meeting

- December 23 Financial Report.pdf