

DRAFT



Explorations Charter School

Minutes

Finance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday August 20, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Location

Virtual Meeting

Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 20 · 5:00 – 5:30pm

Time zone: America/New_York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/krf-evwv-ffx>

Or dial: (US) +1 530-425-6849 PIN: 927 143 868#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/krf-evwv-ffx?pin=1828167210685>

Committee Members Present

Ginni Block (remote), Robert Peterson (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Jill Johnson (remote)

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Robert Peterson called a meeting of the Finance Committee of Explorations Charter School to order on Tuesday Aug 20, 2024 at 5:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes from 7-8-2024 - Finance Committee Meeting

Ginni Block made a motion to approve the minutes from 7-08-2024 with correction Finance Committee Meeting on 07-08-24.

Robert Peterson seconded the motion.

Minutes should remove "sit" and add instead "scour a database"

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

II. Finance

A. Update on Contract with Christine Spencer - Grant Writer

B. Enrollment Update

There are currently 77 students enrolled, fewer than usual for this time of year. While we may end up with several more enrollments, our population will likely be lower than usual which will impact the budget. We may have to use some of the tax credit money for operations when we get it. Reasons for low enrollment aren't clear; one suggestion was that more students left at the end of last year due to attendance issues.

Bob asked about the enrollment of Special Education students. Jill reported that there are more students with special needs enrolled than last year, which may bring in 30,000 to 40,000 more.

Jill also noted that amounts of Title I and Title II grants are still unknown.

C. Staffing Update

No Art teacher has been hired. The position was offered to 3 people who have turned it down for various reasons. Jill has asked an artist without a bachelor's degree if she is interested. That person could teach for 60 school days without a degree. Bob asked what "plan B" is. Jill reported that administrators are discussing creative alternatives if the position doesn't get filled before the start of school.

Jill informed the committee of a workshop on "Fundamentals of Fundraising" presented by the Northwest CT Community Foundation. The cost is \$100/session or \$450 for all 5 sessions; she may only want to attend some of them. Ginni suggested that a Board member could go as well, to which Bob agreed. Scholarships are available.

III. 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 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginni Block

Robert Peterson made a motion to adjourn.

Ginni Block seconded the motion.

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