

# The Exploris School

## **Board Meeting**

#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday September 25, 2018 at 4:30 PM EDT

#### Location

The Exploris School

### **Agenda**

-	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			4:30 PM
A. Record Attendance and Guests		Tom Miller	1 m
<b>B.</b> Call the Meeting to Order		Tom Miller	1 m
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Keely Byars- Nichols	3 m
Approve minutes for Board Meeting on Augu	ıst 28, 2018		
<b>D.</b> Public Comment Opportunity		Tom Miller	15 m

The Exploris Board desires to hear from their stakeholders. Members of the general public are provided three (3) minutes of time to state a concern or bring ...

II. ED Report 4:50 PM

**A.** Strategic Vision Updates FYI Tom Miller 45 m

Provide an update on:

Facility: Updates from the meeting on 9/11

Capital Campaign:

Center for Innovation: Share the updates from the Foundation Meeting

Foundation Board Chair

Strategic Planning Process: The goal is to begin the process no later than

October 23. (Who will drive it, when will we meet?)

Weighted Lottery: Approved by the CSAB (Moving to State Board of Education for final approval) Next operational steps will be shared during the ED Report)

We want to ensure there is a board member and backup overseeing each of these.

**B.** Academic/ Personnel / Operations Vote Ellie 10 Schollmeyer m

**C.** Finance Vote Ellie 10 Schollmeyer m

- · Review Monthy Budget Report
- Amend budget to show increase in state revenue due to the changes in the per pupil allotment
- Amend the budget to account for the \$36,000 It Consulting Service in lieu of tech position
- Amend the budget to show transfer of \$36,000 from the reserve account for Computer Hardware
- Amend the budget to show transfer from Reserve for \$20,000 Legal expenditure
- Amend the budget to account for the School Counselor position and grant of \$60,928

#### **III. Committee Updates**

5:55 PM

**A.** Development Committee FYI Kim Von 5 m Weihe

The development committee will identify their key objective over the next 90 days provide any updates on progress towards their overall goal to the board and ask for specific support, if needed.

**B.** Education Excellence Committee FYI Keely 5 m
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The committee met on 9/11 at 4pm at the Elementary School. In attendance were Katie R., Michelle P., Amanda N., Michelle M., Keely B. and Jessica F (via phone). In addition to past meeting minutes, these actions were approved by the committee:

- 1. Revise Committee Job description: strike #7 to eliminate redundancy. Keely will update BoT documents.
- 2. Re-elect Keely as Chair, with the tentative plan for Katie to serve next academic year

The committee decided to meet again in November, with the following agenda items:

- 1. Plan Board training on issues around 1) standardized testing (Amanda and Michelle) and 2) academic excellence and diversity/equity (E&D Subcommittee) for the Spring.
- 2. Revisit whether the staff has any suggested revisions to measurement framework (rigor, relevance, relationships).

Keely provided the following update from the Equity and Diversity Subcommittee (Frank McKay, Chair) from the 2017-2018 academic year:

- In monthly meetings over the 2017-2018 school year, we discussed and developed shared norms and values and visions for this work.
- Facilitated 2 meet-up play dates over the Summer months
- Secured Melany Paden as facilitator for the fall town hall meeting on October 25
- Met with new PTO president, Kimberly Harris to facilitate work between PTO and committee; Amy has volunteered to be the E&D liaison with the PTO to keep communication open and to offer support
- Developed suggestions about making it clearer online and in handbook that there is financial assistance available for those who qualify, and how the new application process will work
- Researched and secured a new lunch program for ES to better serve FRL qualifying students
- Researched, drafted and developed Priority Lottery policy. On 9/10/18, the CSAB voted to recommend the lottery policy for approval to the SBE with one recommended change.

Michelle Parkerson shared with the subcommittee the following developments within the school that will further our mission of access and equity (update provided August 2018):

- Exploris was awarded a grant for another counselor to help with our support efforts.
- Fletcher Academy is providing us with reading intervention support for ES.
- Michelle D., Amanda, and Michelle P. picked up about \$250.00 worth of donated school supplies to pass along to children with needs. This was a joint effort from SECU and Communities in Schools.
- We provided free lunches for students that we knew had a need starting on day 1. (Not all forms are returned so we anticipate more in the future.)
   Spicy Green went back to Durham Day 1 to get more food to ensure needs were met at ES. Jersey Mike's went back and made extra sandwiches for MS on Wednesday, A Place at the Table provided emergency lunches on Thursday, by Friday My Hot Lunch Box was set up to provide donated lunches.
- Communities in Schools is working on a grant. We will be named as one of the schools to receive a graduation coach if they are awarded the funds.
- We are working with Communities in Schools and Interfaith Food Shuttle to
  offer a cooking class in Chavis for one of our evening recruiting events in
  Nov/Dec.
- We are working with Interfaith Food Shuttle to help provide Backpack Buddies (ES) and Food Pantry (MS) for our students. In return, our students would serve as volunteer to help pack items for other schools.
- We are confirmed to offer professional learning form Teaching Tolerance for all staff on Feb. 18th.
- We offered an alternate teacher certification session for Exploris teachers.
  Cori and Adrian reached out to folks in their networks in an effort to
  increase diversity in our teacher pipeline. Four non-Exploris (non-white)
  teachers joined us. Some of our visitors said they would be interested in
  working at Exploris in the future.
- 7th and 8th grade are going one-to-one for electronic devices. We will be able to offer 24/7 computer check-out for students that cannot provide their own device.

C. Governance Committee	FYI	Camesha	5 m
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The Governance committee will share their main objectives over the next 90 days and provide any updates on progress towards their goal to the board and ask for specific support, if needed.

**D.** Facility FYI Bob Kingery 5 m

The Facility committee will share their objectives over the next 90 days and provide any updates on progress towards their goal to the board and ask for specific support, if needed.

#### **IV. Other Business**

V. Closing Items 6:15 PM

**A.** Closing and Commitments Discuss Tom Miller 5 m

The board will identify the key topics for the October meeting and identify the commitments prior to the next meeting.

**B.** Adjourn Meeting Vote