

The Exploris School

The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday July 24, 2025 at 4:30 PM EDT

Location

The Exploris School: Elementary Campus 17 S Swain St, Raleigh, NC 27601, USA 5th Grade Classroom

Agenda

			Purpose	Presenter	Time			
I.	Оре	ening Items			4:30 PM			
	A.	Record Attendance		Edward Buchan	1 m			
	В.	Call the Meeting to Order		Steven Darroch	1 m			
	C.	Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Edward Buchan	2 m			
		Approve minutes for The Exploris School Board R 2025	prove minutes for The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on May 22, 25					
	D.	Public Comment		Steven Darroch	15 m			
		PUBLIC COMMENT						

Purpose

Presenter

Time

Fifteen minutes will be allocated on the agenda for public input at each meeting. Additional time may be added at the discretion of the Chair.

Public comment may be oral, in person, or in written form to be read by the Chair.

Public comment is limited to no more than 3 minutes per person.

It is recommended that public comment be written out and provided to the board following the three minutes to ensure the entire message is heard by the board.

Each speaker will clearly state their full name and county of residence.

All public comment should be factual and should not include personally identifiable information of students or personnel in order to maintain confidentiality. Speakers should avoid using names of students or staff and maintain confidentiality and privacy standards.

All public comments will be taken under advisement by the Board, but will not elicit an immediate written or spoken response. The names of persons providing public comment and

a brief summary of topics or input will be included in the meeting minutes published.

A response will be provided to the stakeholder within seven (7) days. Those providing public comment are asked to provide in writing (either in person or via email to board@exploris.org) their contact information including name, County of residence, and address (either email or postal, whichever is preferred).

Specific issues about a particular student or teacher should be addressed to the elementary or middle school director, rather than the Board of Directors.

E. Board Development

Vote

Deborah Brown

10 m

- Determine Board Member availability for the Board Retreat for the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Saturday in September (Please complete the Doodle Poll from your Board email)
- Updating photos/bios in your BoardOnTrack profile

II. Committee Reports

4:59 PM

		Purpose	Presenter	Time					
	 The Board oversees the membership and work of each Committee. Committees present their latest minutes and action items to the Board. The Board makes all official decisions regarding Committee recommendations. 								
A.	Finance	Vote	Koren Morgan	10 m					
	 Monthly Financial Reports FY26 Budget presented for approval								
В.	Educational Excellence	Discuss	Eric Grunden	15 m					
	Annual Report on Measure of Educational Excelle	ence at Exploris							
C.	Governance	FYI	Deborah Brown	10 m					
D.	 Discuss: Legislative Updates Discuss: Charter Renewal Process Vote: New Board Members Vote: 25-26 Handbook Revisions (Personn Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	el and Student-F Vote	amily Handbooks) Deborah Brown	5 m					
_	Discussion: Naming, purpose, and scope of this committee Vote: Rebrand this work to Community & Connections								
E.	Director Evaluation & Support	Discuss	Steven Darroch	5 m					
F.	Facilities	FYI	Josh Corbat	10 m					
	Updates on Facilities Project								
G.	Kaizen	FYI	Shawna Scipione	10 m					
	Kaizen leaders will give an update to the Bo	oard.							
The	The Exploris Foundation 6:04 PM								

III.

			Purpose	Presenter	Time
		The Exploris Foundation Board will give an upda	ite		
	A.	Foundation Update	FYI	Susan Singer	5 m
IV.	The	Exploris Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)			6:09 PM
	The	Exploris PTO leadership will give an update			
	A.	PTO Update	FYI	Stacey Carothers	5 m
V.	Mee	eting Items			6:14 PM
	A.	Directors Report	FYI	Deborah Brown	10 m
		 Monthly Report & Updates (The Directors R during meetings. Please review the written ranswer questions and provide critical updatitems.) Implementation of new Student Device Dame 	report prior to the es and vote on a	e meeting. We will any requested	
	В.	Board Business	Vote	Steven Darroch	10 m
		 General Discussions Vote: Proposal from IES for Strategic Plann	ing support		
VI.	Clo	sed Session			6:34 PM
	A.	Facilities & Legal Items	Discuss	Josh Corbat	5 m
		Updates on FacilitiesUpdates on PersonnelUpdates on any Open Legal Items			
VII.	Clo	sing Items			6:39 PM
	A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote		

Coversheet

Approve Minutes

Section:I. Opening ItemsItem:C. Approve MinutesPurpose:Approve Minutes

Submitted by: Related Material:

Minutes for The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on May 22, 2025



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Minutes

The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday May 22, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Location

The Exploris School: Elementary Campus 17 S Swain St, Raleigh, NC 27601, USA 5th Grade Classroom

Directors Present

C. Harden (remote), E. Grunden, S. Gautcher (remote), S. Scipione (remote), S. Singer, T. Void, W. McLamb (remote)

Directors Absent

E. Buchan, G. Bayo, S. Darroch

Ex Officio Members Present

D. Brown, E. Burton, J. Corbat

Non Voting Members Present

D. Brown, E. Burton, J. Corbat

Guests Present

Abbey Burka (remote), Carolyn Floyd (remote), K. Morgan, Lisa Averitte (remote), Richard Averitte (remote), aaron bugher (remote), andrea wise (remote), kira kroboth (remote), mariah perry (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Grunden called a meeting of the board of directors of The Exploris School to order on Thursday May 22, 2025 at 4:38 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

- S. Singer made a motion to approve the minutes from The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 04-24-25.
- T. Void seconded the motion.

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

D. Public Comment

E. Board Development

EG: very unhappy with town hall. Online support poor, questions not answered, no board unity/confidence. Suggested second town hall soon. Suggested holding regular online meetings, board members "adopt" an area to support parents locally.

SSinger: we need more organizations in school: clubs, in-school meetings, organizations.

CH: decision to go forward was disrespectful to the online guests. Board needs better organization and structure. town halls will not be effective until the board learns better how to work together.

SSinger: we need to fill board structure before we can try to go forward.

SScipione: where can we out our focus so that we can fix this.

Action items

Board chair needs to develop plan to chart issues and needs, including staffing, and then committees and parents to be involved. By June meeting, board chair will have this plan to committees and board in general.

II. Committee Reports

A. Finance

- W. McLamb made a motion to Vote to approve 24-25 budget revision.
- E. Grunden seconded the motion.

TV: can you explain what this is?

KM: these are final changes to budget through March required to reconcile by year end.

SSinger: can we use surplus for maintenance? We need a list of needs.

WM: yes

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

- W. McLamb made a motion to Approve the audit engagement letter.
- T. Void seconded the motion.

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

B. Educational Excellence

EG: Excellent report on EC services by EB; extension of last committee meeting. Report is posted to packet.

C. Governance

- E. Grunden made a motion to Vote on the slate of three presented board members.
- S. Singer seconded the motion.

Richard Averitte (board candidate) made remarks to the board.

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

- D. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- E. Director Evaluation & Support
- F. Facilities
- G. Kaizen

III. The Exploris Foundation

A. Foundation Update

- E. Grunden made a motion to table reports by PTO and Foundation Board.
- W. McLamb seconded the motion.

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

IV. Closed Session

A. Facilities & Legal Items

- S. Singer made a motion to enter closed session to discuss real estate matters.
- W. McLamb seconded the motion.

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

- T. Void made a motion to exit closed session.
- W. McLamb seconded the motion.

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

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 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Grunden

Coversheet

Finance

Section: II. Committee Reports

Item: A. Finance Purpose: Vote

Submitted by:

Related Material: 03. Board Report 2025.05 - Exploris.pdf

05. Income Statement 2025.05 - Exploris.pdf 06. Balance Sheet 2025.05 - Exploris.pdf Bank Account Balances 2025.05 - Exploris.pdf

FY26 Budget for approval at 7_24_25 Board Meeting.pdf FY26 Budget for approval at 7_24_25 Board Meeting.xlsx

		THE EXP	LORIS SCHO	OL						
	В	udget Analysi	is Report (Rec	onciled)						
Fiscal Year: 2025 - May										
91.7% of the yea										
Account	Budget	Period Activity	YTD Activity	Remaining Budget	% Used	EOY Projection	Notes			
Revenues										
► STATE REVENUE	3,601,659.51	326,860.10	3,411,663.00	189,996.10	94.72	3,588,459.51				
► LOCAL REVENUE	1,585,384.00	169,126.60	1,477,109.00	108,275.40	93.17	1,589,753.14				
► NCACCESS GRANT REVENUE	138,240.90	0.00	138,240.90	0.01	100	138,240.90				
► FEDERAL REVENUE	163,841.10	0.00	148,563.50	15,277.54	90.68	159,234.00				
► FOUNDATION REVENUE	247,683.50	0.00	252,488.30	(4,804.73)	101.94	247,683.50				
► B&A CARE REVENUE	96,000.00	17,388.93	67,577.32	28,422.68	70.39	96,000.00				
► REVENUE - ACTIVITIES	7,684.29	9,063.23	162,131.45	(154,447.15)	***	162,131.45				
Revenues	5,840,493.00	520,879.20	5,656,214.00	184,279.40	96.84	5,981,502.50				
Account	Budget	Period Activity	YTD Activity	Remaining Budget	% Used	EOY Projection	Notes			
Expenses										
► SALARIES AND BONUSES	3,201,009.00	266,213.90	2,870,835.00	330,173.70	89.69	3,168,922.00				
▶ BENEFITS	660,848.40	52,451.07	567,095.10	93,753.27	85.81	627,000.00				
▶ BOOKS AND SUPPLIES	55,671.17	1,325.72	43,375.22	12,295.95	77.91	55,671.17				
► TECHNOLOGY	106,835.00	5,655.74	97,895.25	8,939.75	91.63	109,835.00				
► NON-CAP EQUIPMENT & LEASES	17,000.00	981.00	15,145.07	1,854.93	89.09	17,000.00				
► CONTRACTED STUDENT SERVICES	296,201.80	20,696.88	211,798.90	84,402.96	71.5	308,000.00				
► FIELD TRIPS/ACTIVITIES	22,106.00	12,052.40	183,236.60	(161,131.00)	***	183,236.61				
► ADMIN SERVICES	419,800.00	42,715.74	375,788.22	44,011.82	89.71	399,845.00				
► INSURANCES	49,298.00	0.00	45,935.00	3,363.00	93.18	46,956.00				
► FACILITIES	689,531.00	46,054.95	512,838.90	176,692.10	74.38	675,531.00				
► B&A CARE	61,754.86	4,707.00	45,016.46	16,738.40	72.9	55,100.00				
▶ CLUBS	2,459.68	0.00	0.00	2,459.68	0	2,459.68				
► VARIOUS GRANTS - NCACCESS	138,240.90	0.00	135,864.00	2,376.85	98.28	138,240.90				
Expenses	5,720,756.00	452,854.40	5,104,824.00	615,931.80	89.23	5,787,797.36				
Surplus/(DEFICIT)	119,737.40	-	551,389.90	(431,652.00)	7.61	193,705.14				
	2.05%					3.24%				

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Income Statement

Fiscal Year: 2025 Month: May

Include Fund(s): 1X, 2X, 30, 33, 34, 35, 5X

Fund		Beg. Balance	MTD Actual	YTD Actual	
Fund 1X					
	Revenue Total:	3,084,803.34	326,860.10	3,411,663.44	
	Expense Total:	3,086,810.77	642,466.64	3,729,277.41	
	Change in Fund 1X Balance:	(2,007.43)	(315,606.54)	(317,613.97)	
Fund 2X					
	Revenue Total:	1,699,336.68	177,071.37	1,876,408.05	
	Expense Total:	1,227,928.74	(195,116.50)	1,032,812.24	
	Change in Fund 2X Balance:	471,407.94	372,187.87	843,595.81	
Fund 30					
	Revenue Total:	138,240.89	0.00	138,240.89	
	Expense Total:	138,240.89	0.00	138,240.89	
	Change in Fund 30 Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fund 33					
	Revenue Total:	450.00	0.00	450.00	
	Expense Total:	450.00	0.00	450.00	
	Change in Fund 33 Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fund 34					
	Revenue Total:	477.54	0.00	477.54	
	Expense Total:	531.54	0.00	531.54	
	Change in Fund 34 Balance:	(54.00)	0.00	(54.00)	
Fund 35					
	Revenue Total:	147,636.00	0.00	147,636.00	
	Expense Total:	157,636.00	0.00	157,636.00	

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Income Statement

Fiscal Year: 2025 Month: May

Include Fund(s): 1X, 2X, 30, 33, 34, 35, 5X

Fund		Beg. Balance	MTD Actual	YTD Actual
Fund 35				
	Change in Fund 35 Balance:	(10,000.00)	0.00	(10,000.00)
Fund 5X				
	Revenue Total:	64,390.23	17,727.54	82,117.77
	Expense Total:	40,371.66	4,724.49	45,096.15
	Change in Fund 5X Balance:	24,018.57	13,003.05	37,021.62

Fund 1X - State Funds

Fund 2X - Local Funds

Fund 3X - Federal Funds

Fund 5X - Multiple Enterprise Fund (Before & After School Program)

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Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year: 2025 | Fiscal Month: May Include Funds: All

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Assets		
1X.10100.0000.00000.00000.000.0 0.000.00000	Cash OP FCIT 6528	(318,173.18)
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THE EXPLORIS SCHOOL

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Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year: 2025 | Fiscal Month: May Include Funds: All

TOTAL Reserves and Equity: 2,424,469.18

NET GAIN (LOSS): 552,949.46

TOTAL LIABILITIES / RESERVES / INCOME: 2,967,541.84

Fund 1X - State Funds

Fund 2X - Local Funds

Fund 3X - Federal Funds

Fund 5X - Multiple Enterprise Fund (Before & After School Program)

5/31/2025 Account Balances	
Bank Account	Balance
The Exploris School Checking	\$1,451,015.39
The Exploris School Reserves	\$1,588,446.57
The Exploris School Foundation-Annual Fund	\$114,069.63
The Exploris School Foundation-Capital Campaign	\$227,683.53

Account	2025-2026 Budget	NOTES	2024-2025 Budget	2024-2025 EOY Projection	2023-2024 EOY Actual	2022-2023 EOY Actual
Revenues						
STATE REVENUE						
Rev - Behavioral Support - 029					2,614.00	
		Initial allotment is \$3,381,439. If this \$39,957 reduction occurs, then previously anticipated fund balance allocations may be needed in a				
Rev - Charter Schools - 036	3,421,396.00	budget revision.	3,421,396.00	3,421,396.00	3,217,984.00	3,140,227.00
Rev - School Safety - PRC 040	25,000.00	revenue = expense	129,266.00	120,200.70	1,208.08	
Rev - State Awarded Compensation - 048					6,446.93	5,369.74
Rev - Special State Reserve - 089			36,200.00	16,761.90		
Rev - Summer Reading- 016	16,443.00	revenue = expense	14,797.51	14,797.51	14,384.80	7,425.00
STATE REVENUE	3,462,839.00		3,601,659.51	3,573,156.11	3,242,637.81	3,153,021.74
LOCAL REVENUE						
Fund Balance Allocation - Climate & Culture TF						12,000.00
Fund Balance Allocation - Legal Expenses						10,000.00
Fund Balance Allocation - Chess club c/o						40.00
Fund Balance Allocation - Drama Club c/o						1,488.19
Fund Balance Allocation - Prior Year 12th Month						10,295.00
Fund Balance Allocation - Booster Contributions					20,758.69	
Fund Balance Allocation - 3rd Grade Field Experiences			363.00	363.00		
Fund Balance Allocation - 4th Grade Field Experiences			143.00	0.00	714.63	
Fund Balance Allocation - 8th Grade Field Experiences			1,100.00	1,100.00		
Fund Balance Allocation - 8th Grade Field Exp. Booster			3,750.00	3,750.00		
Fund Balance Allocation - Girls on the Run c/o	1,066.75	revenue = expense	1,459.68	1,459.68	3,545.32	3,803.63
Fund Balance Allocation - NC Go Grant for Garden		revenue = expense	2,328.29	2,328.29	7,500.00	
Fund Balance Allocation - Pendo Art Fund c/o	1,661.18	revenue = expense	1,661.18	1,661.18		
Fund Balance Allocation - Preparation for decreased grant funding in FY25		anticipated in FY25, but not needed			01.507.01	
Fund Balance Allocation - School Safety Grant		revenue = expense			21,527.81	
Fund Balance Allocation - Active Minds c/o Fund Balance Allocation - Facilities summer work and	2,000.00	revenue = expense				
custodial c/o	17,700.00	revenue = expense				
Fund Balance Allocation - Capital / Facilities funding for pre-development and capital campaign costs	440,000.00	revenue = expense				
Fund Balance Allocation - use of reserve to assist with		anticipated, but not needed unless revenue is				
rent increase		decreased anticipated, but not needed unless revenue is				
Fund Balance Allocation - PD c/o for summer work		decreased				
Fund Balance Allocation - Strategic Planning Services c/o	9,000.00	revenue = expense				
Fund Balance Allocation - use of reserve to assist with Kinder and 6th grade readiness camps		anticipated, but not needed unless revenue is decreased				
PTO Revenue (to reimburse expenses)		revenue = expense				6,036.00
Interest Income	5,000.00	TOTOLICE OXPOLISE	6,000.00	6,376.30	4,915.86	3,093.59
Lunch Program	5,000.00	revenue = expense	14,201.84	14,609.31	.,, 10.00	5,070.07
Rev - Active Minds			1,000.00	2,000.00		
Rev - Booster Contributions			1,000.00	2,000.00		20,758.69
Rev - Chatham County Schools					4,380.37	4,146.38
Rev - Contributions			61.25	5,787.39	16,829.72	6,202.28
Rev - Durham County Schools	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,492.31	8,719.80	14,143.83
Rev - Johnston County Schools	39,000.00		39,000.00	38,934.44	31,610.59	24,552.52
	37,000.00	revenue = eypense	37,000.00	50,754.44	01,010.07	19,236.00
Rev - NC Go Grant		revenue = expense			5,000.00	17,230.00
Rev - PD Counseling Grant					132,873.60	
Rev - PTO Revenue						
Rev - Wake Electric Classroom Technology Grant	5,000,00	rovenue – expense	0,000,00	4 49 4 00	2,465.68	10 710 45
Rev - Sales Tax		revenue = expense	8,000.00	4,684.90	8,944.12	12,719.45
Rev - Wake County Schools	1,580,000.00		1,500,000.00		1,547,982.00	1,323,789.01
Rev - Wilson County Schools	2 110 407 02		4,000.00	2,385.80	1 017 7/0 10	1 474 504 57
LOCAL REVENUE	2,110,427.93		1,573,068.24	1,/58,142.85	1,817,768.19	1,4/4,504.5/

Account	2025-2026 Budget	NOTES	2024-2025 Budget	2024-2025 EOY Projection	2023-2024 EOY Actual	2022-2023 EOY Actual
NCACCESS GRANT REVENUE						
Rev - NCACCESS 160		revenue = expense.	138,240.90	138.240.90	114.235.50	86,139.70
NCACCESS GRANT REVENUE	0.00		138,240.90	138,240.90	114,235.50	86,139.70
FEDERAL REVENUE		for all federal revenue, revenue = expense				
		increase from 43,810 in FY25 helps to make up for				
Rev PRC 050 - IASA Title 1 Basic Programs		lack of Title II and IV in FY26	65,347.00	65,700.54	23,978.86	8,508.00
Rev PRC 060 - IDEA VI-B	91,323.00		92,387.00	95,531.00	94,740.00	88,137.00
Rev PRC 103 - Supportive Effective Inst. Title II		no funding for Title II. Rolled into Title I line in FY25.			7,694.60	5,920.00
Rev PRC 108 - Title IV		no funding for Title IV. Rolled into Title I line in FY25.			17,847.45	0.00
Rev PRC 118 - IDEA VI-B Special NeedsAsst			1,500.00	530.00		1410400
Rev PRC 164 - Cares Act ESSER PSU Supplemental						14,186.33
Rev PRC 167 - Cares Act ESSER EC Grant						880.41
Rev PRC 171 - ESSER II						39.09
Rev PRC 172 - ESSER II Charter Supplements						16,634.16 2,951.00
Rev PRC 173 - ESSER Supplemental					16,217.41	42,801.73
Rev PRC 181 - ESSER III					52,132.24	51,142.15
Rev PRC 182 - ESSER II Charter Supplements					32,132.24	
Rev PRC 185 - ESSER III IDEA						18,347.00
Rev PRC 189 - ESSER III Math					2 507 00	7,473.00
Rev PRCs 192 and 193 ESSER III (Gaggle & Instr Software) FEDERAL REVENUE	144,909.00		159.234.00	161,761.54	2,587.00 215,197.56	3,600.00 260,619.87
TEDERAL REVEROL	144,707.00		137,234.00	101,701.54	213,177.30	200,017.07
FOUNDATION REVENUE						
Rev - Foundation Reimbursement - Capital Fund Expenses		revenue = expense	227,683.53	227,683.50	215,114.01	81,508.96
Rev - Foundation Reimbursement - Annual Fund Expenses	20,000.00	revenue = expense. Will break out into categories when Found. budget is finalized.	20,000.00	20,000.00	37,374.25	12,663.29
Rev - Foundation Reimbursement - Instr. Supply funds awarded for FY25 fun run	718.60	revenue = expense				
FOUNDATION REVENUE	20,718.60		247,683.53	247,683.50	252,488.26	94,172.25
B&A CARE REVENUE						
Revenue - Before and After School	96,000.00		96,000.00	90,000.00	99,277.69	94,678.53
B&A CARE REVENUE	96,000.00		96,000.00	90,000.00	99,277.69	94,678.53
FIELD TRIP / ACTIVITIES REVENUE						
Rev - Electives						2,330.04
Rev - Explorations						4,724.42
Rev - Field Trips - 1st			0.00	529.40	1,173.99	284.09
Rev - Field Trips - 2nd			0.00	1,677.00	528.00	950.00
Rev - Field Trips - 3rd			0.00	3,348.73	2,046.76	2,085.63
Rev - Field Trips - 5th			0.00	1,230.00	4,771.39	5,535.72
Rev - Field Trips - 6th			0.00	1,400.00	7,473.37	2,103.00
Rev - Field Trips - 7th			0.00	40,825.49	39,009.00	30,898.25
Rev - Field Trips - 8th			0.00	66,339.22	71,795.75	72,861.76
Rev - Field Trips - Japan Exch			0.00	22,810.00	25,000.00	20,000.00
Rev - Field Trips NC Go Grant					3,962.00	
Rev - Field Trips - K			0.00	595.00		464.49
Rev - German Exch			0.00	28,479.79		25,326.64
Rev - Girls on the Run						1,750.00
Rev - Middle Global Arts						2,000.00
Rev - Music			0.00	1,244.81	1,304.40	1,091.00
Rev - Student Supply Fee (4th agendas)						135.00

Account	2025-2026 Budget	NOTES	2024-2025 Budget	2024-2025 EOY Projection	2023-2024 EOY Actual	2022-2023 EOY Actual
FIELD TRIP / ACTIVITIES REVENUE	0.00		0.00	168,479.44	157,064.66	172,540.04
Revenues	5,834,894.53		5,835,886.18	6,137,464.34	5,898,669.67	5,335,676.70
Expenses						
SALARIES AND BONUSES						
Salary - Admin & Student Support	664,553.15		663,607.00	653,607.00	631,144.20	576,919.00
Salary - EC Teacher Assistant		incl in TP line below	36,200.00	21,248.29	18,528.68	98,502.15
Salary - EC Teacher	345,015.60		342,280.00	331,385.10	325,100.70	259,160.02
Salary - PRC 016 Summer Program (& prc 164 in fy23)	13,000.00	revenue = expense (split b/t salary & supplies)	12,390.00	11,340.00	11,370.00	9,910.00
Salary - Kinder & 6th Readiness Camps	3,800.00					
Salary - Summer Interv & benchmark work	3,200.00					
Salary - PRC 048 State awarded compensation					6,000.00	5,000.00
Salary - Substitute	40,000.00		45,000.00	40,156.58	59,018.75	58,326.50
Salary - Teacher Assistant/Partners	168,829.86		166,250.00	159,058.40	157,244.60	148,905.67
Salary - Teacher	1,949,918.60		1,935,282.00		1,832,381.00	
Salary - Time Ltd Intervention & Counseling	1,7 77,710.00		1,700,202.00	1,721,007.00	63,962.70	88,495.78
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BENEFITS						
Dental Cost	4,200.00		4,000.00	3,519.44	4,138.20	3,861.00
Hospitalization/Medical Insurance	338,520.00		325,500.00	313,932.70	301,826.80	289,871.56
Long and Short Term Disability	18,000.00		18,000.00	7,913.71	17,862.69	15,229.04
Other Retirement Cost	65,000.00		65,000.00	60,444.99	62,068.61	67,764.11
Social Security Cost (FICA: Soc Security & Medicare)		FICA 7.65% (formula based on salaries)	240,348.39	226,434.40	224,310.40	220,005.19
Social Security Cost - PRC 048					446.93	
Unemployment Cost	8,000.00		8,000.00	7,732.34	11,957.99	6,487.98
BENEFITS	674,566.27		660,848.39	619,977.58	622,611.62	603,218.88
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES						
Art - Elementary	750.00		750.00	765.35	484.01	707.86
Art - Middle	750.00		750.00	533.44	750.00	743.79
Board of Directors Supplies	8,500.00		8,500.00	8,185.71	8,000.00	8,644.67
Connected World - Elementary	500.00		500.00	496.81	492.64	458.88
Connected World - Middle	500.00		500.00	106.51	399.87	463.07
Counselor	500.00		1,000.00	997.94	269.96	393.02
EC Instructional Supplies	1,000.00		1,000.00	965.81	632.46	1,132.74
Explorations / Electives						956.45
Health Supplies and Materials - SHAC						3,431.48
Health Supplies	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,572.32	1,099.66	7,200.69
Instructional Supplies	6,000.00		6,050.00	6,146.82	3,909.02	10,279.73
Instructional Supplies - 1st Grade	500.00		500.00	637.85	509.06	614.64
Instructional Supplies - 1st Grade - Fun Run Award	227.75					
Instructional Supplies - 2nd Grade	500.00		500.00	438.70	496.27	466.79
Instructional Supplies - 2nd Grade - Fun Run Award	131.55					
Instructional Supplies - 3rd Grade	500.00		500.00	393.78	156.79	465.48
Instructional Supplies - 3rd Grade - Fun Run Award	131.55					
Instructional Supplies - 4th Grade	500.00		500.00	489.07	470.27	190.83
Instructional Supplies - 5th Grade	750.00		750.00	153.73	256.12	593.34
Instructional Supplies - 6th Grade	1,000.00		1,000.00	840.56	660.18	849.09
Instructional Supplies - 7th Grade	1,000.00		1,000.00	339.89	976.11	239.32
Instructional Supplies - 8th Grade	1,250.00		1,250.00	1,169.54	1,204.09	1,376.48

Account	2025-2026 Budget	NOTES	2024-2025 Budget	2024-2025 EOY Projection	2023-2024 EOY Actual	2022-2023 EOY Actual
Intervention	500.00		500.00	402.29	170.92	123.59
Kindergarten	500.00		500.00	426.84	500.36	464.65
Kindergarten Instr Supplies - Fun Run Award	227.75					
Memberships	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,975.50	1,984.50	1,585.50
Movement - Elementary	500.00		500.00	445.06	470.50	488.20
Music	500.00		500.00	537.99	899.65	1,171.85
NC Go Grant - Garden			2,328.29	2,328.29		
Office Food Purchases	2,000.00		1,000.00	982.06	1,266.05	647.96
Office Supplies	4,500.00		5,000.00	4,444.31	3,514.68	3,534.16
PRC 164 Instructional Supplies						8,189.71
Pendo Art Fund Expenses - from fund balance allocation	1,661.18	revenue = expense	1,661.18	1,661.18	341.43	
Poe Center	1,200.00	·	1,900.00	1,069.20	2,437.72	1,750.00
Postage	850.00		850.00	800.00	490.41	820.37
PRC 016 Instructional Supplies		revenue = expense (split b/t salary & supplies)	2,430.28	2,430.28	2,144.98	2,844.42
	7,000.00	, , , , , , , ,	8,000.00	7,500.00	8,409.13	10,772.16
Sales Tax Expense	7,000.00	revenue = expense	451.42	451.42	0,407.13	10,772.10
School Safety Crant (from fund belgings allocation)			451.42	431.42	10 54/ 07	
School Safety Grant (from fund balance allocation)	F00.00	revenue = expense	500.00	100.70	19,546.97	0.00
Seminar	500.00		500.00	198.78	412.12	0.00
Wellness - Middle	500.00		500.00	500.79	365.64	493.94
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES	52,872.78		55,671.17	50,387.82	63,721.57	72,094.86
TECHNOLOGY						
Instructional Software	20,470.00		33,500.00	25,684.06	33,931.66	16,000.00
Instructional Technology	20,000.00		2,000.00	1,478.94	0.00	
Internet Services	500.00		1,000.00	295.61	1,119.20	790.41
IT Contracted Services	50,000.00		47,560.00	46,860.00	45,327.50	44,000.00
Non - Cap Computer Hardware		combine with instructional tech line	3,000.00	2,835.17	2,826.88	2,500.00
Office Software and Services	11,500.00		5,000.00	12,000.00	8,938.72	13,000.00
Instructional Software - PRCs 192 and 193 Gaggle & Instr. S	oftware					3,600.00
School Connectivity (ERate)	7,300.00		7,300.00	7,000.00	12,555.24	8,900.00
SEL/Survey Software PRC 040			7,475.00	7,837.57		
Wake Electric Classroom Technology Grant					2,208.54	
TECHNOLOGY	109,770.00		106,835.00	103,991.35	106,907.74	88,790.41
NON-CAP EQUIPMENT & LEASES						
Equipment/Furniture (was Instructional & Office Equip)	1,000.00		500.00	378.95		
Office Equipment		combine with above	500.00	318.33	447.94	350.00
Reproduction Costs	16,000.00		16,000.00	15,509.78	16,151.69	15,600.00
School Safety Equipment						21,367.19
NON-CAP EQUIPMENT & LEASES	17,000.00		17,000.00	16,207.06	16,599.63	37,317.19
CONTRACTED STUDENT SERVICES						
Counselor Grant					5,216.10	
ELL Services		included in 'other services'		_		3,395.00
F & R Lunch	40,000.00		45,000.00	35,403.75	46,590.88	22,000.00
Lunch Program		revenue = expense	14,201.84	14,609.31		
OT Services	44,075.00		45,000.00	45,000.00	52,650.00	40,000.00
Other Services	105,000.00		115,000.00	115,000.00	15,424.48	0.00
Psychological Services	30,000.00		35,000.00	35,000.00	38,673.75	25,000.00
Speech Services	42,000.00		42,000.00	46,635.40	39,669.18	18,500.00
CONTRACTED STUDENT SERVICES	261,075.00		296,201.84	291,648.46	198,224.39	108,895.00

Account	2025-2026 Budget	NOTES	2024-2025 Budget	2024-2025 EOY Projection	2023-2024 EOY Actual	2022-2023 EOY Actual
FIELD TRIPS / ACTIVITIES						
Activities funded by Booster fundraiser					16,351.93	
Electives						1,645.96
Explorations						4,724.42
Field Day					460.65	
Field Trips - America 250				0.00		
Field Trips - German Exchange		off year in 2026	3,500.00	29,363.54		28,940.03
Field Trips - Grade 1		·		489.06	1,195.27	284.09
Field Trips - Grade 1 Scholarship	150.00					
Field Trips - Grade 2				1,677.00	541.32	950.00
Field Trips - Grade 2 Scholarship	200.00			1,077100	011102	, 00.00
Field Trips - Grade 3	200.00		363.00	5,283.60	1,812.86	2,371.00
·	300.00		303.00	3,203.00	1,012.00	2,071.00
Field Trips - Grade 3 Scholarship	300.00		1.42.00	0.00	71.4./2	
Field Trips - Grade 4	400.00		143.00	0.00	714.63	
Field Trips - Grade 4 Scholarship	400.00			F /FF 0-	,	/ 000 1-
Field Trips - Grade 5			0.00	5,655.00	4,771.41	6,330.12
Field Trips - Grade 5 Scholarship	500.00					
Field Trips - Elementary						
Field Trips - Grade 6 Scholarship	1,000.00		1,000.00		0.00	0.00
Field Trips - Grade 6				3,074.82	7,488.93	2,103.00
Field Trips - Grade 7 Scholarship	2,000.00		2,000.00		1,680.00	0.00
Field Trips - Grade 7				41,193.79	39,006.80	30,898.25
Field Trips - Grade 8 Scholarship	5,000.00		5,000.00		0.00	3,000.00
Field Trips - Grade 8			4,850.00	77,172.33	71,613.30	73,553.04
Field Trips - Japan Exchange	3,500.00		3,500.00	26,104.36	25,476.48	21,496.79
Field Trips - Kindergarten				546.98		464.49
Field Trips - Kindergarten Scholarship	100.00					
Field Trips - Music				706.00	480.00	1,091.00
Field Trips - NC Go Grant from fund balance allocation		revenue = expense			7,500.00	
Field Trips - NC Go Grant new grants		revenue = expense			1,633.71	19,236.00
Scholarships 00 - 01		broken out by grade	250.00		1,000.71	0.00
			500.00			0.00
Scholarships 02 - 03		broken out by grade			242.00	
Scholarships 04 - 05		broken out by grade	1,000.00		243.00	0.00
FIELD TRIPS	13,150.00		22,106.00	191,266.48	180,970.29	197,088.19
ADMIN SERVICES						
Advertising	3,000.00		2,700.00	2,671.05	1,000.00	
Audit & Tax Services	22,000.00		21,500.00	21,700.00	15,088.50	18,650.00
Bank Fees	1,800.00		1,900.00	1,900.00	1,763.92	1,654.50
Financial Services	45,000.00		53,000.00	43,089.11	47,859.37	43,072.38
Foundation Capital Fund Expenses	10,000.00	revenue = expense	249,500.00	249,500.00	230,557.40	81,508.96
	20,000,00	revenue = expense	20,000.00	20,000.00	16,929.85	12,663.29
Foundation Annual Fund Expenses	15,000.00	·	15,000.00		10,669.69	7,316.05
Human Resources				15,000.00		
Legal Services	5,000.00		5,000.00	3,200.00	8,774.45	(30,228.32)
PRC 040 Safety Grant Professional Development	25,000.00	revenue = expense		500.00		
PRC 118 Professional Development	,	revenue = expense	1,500.00	530.00	:	
Professional Development	12,000.00		8,000.00	5,000.00	10,765.51	6,688.60
PTO Expenses (includes grants)		revenue = expense	200.00	545.00	3,365.00	6,035.55
Strategic Planning Services (using c/o funds)	9,000.00	revenue = expense	9,000.00			
Student Information Services	32,500.00		32,500.00	30,317.42	29,813.99	21,685.83
ADMIN SERVICES	190,300.00		419,800.00	393,452.58	376,587.68	169,046.84
INSURANCES						

Account But		NOTES	2024-2025 Budget	2024-2025 EOY Projection	2023-2024 EOY Actual	2022-2023 EOY Actual
General Liability and Commercial Umbrella	28,000.00		28,114.00	28,113.75	23,442.00	19,386.70
International Travel Insurance	1,000.00		2,500.00	516.25	0.00	750.00
Student Accident Insurance	1,342.00		2,684.00	1,342.00	1,355.00	1,355.00
Workers Compensation	16,000.00		16,000.00	15,963.00	14,286.00	10,000.00
INSURANCES	46,342.00		49,298.00	45,935.00	39,083.00	31,491.70
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FACILITIES						
Building Rent	437,500.00		283,600.00	283,586.20	201,517.30	201,518.21
Building Repairs & Maintenance	8,000.00		8,000.00	7,309.23	9,019.51	3,000.00
Building Supplies & Materials	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,960.53	3,525.31	1,500.00
Contracted Custodial Services	50,000.00		50,000.00	34,999.92	42,321.32	42,000.00
Contracted Landscaping	5,200.00		5,200.00	5,106.00	5,106.00	5,106.50
Contracted Pest Control	1,500.00		1,500.00	960.00	1,040.00	1,200.00
Custodial Supplies & Materials	11,000.00		11,000.00	9,648.89	11,980.67	11,000.00
Electricity - New Bern	23,500.00		23,000.00	23,202.31	28,472.00	23,600.00
Fire Inspection Fees	2,200.00		4,000.00	2,042.00	3,857.00	2,166.00
Land Lease - New Bern	74,000.00		73,500.00	73,492.50	71,700.00	70,650.00
Modular Lease	85,000.00		85,000.00	84,758.40	84,758.40	84,759.20
New Facility Pre-Development and Cap Camp Exp	440,000.00	revenue = expense				
Parking: Hillsborough St.	4,500.00		5,040.00	4,450.00	4,615.95	7,400.00
School Safety Grant - PRC 040			121,791.00	120,200.70	1,208.08	
Security Monitoring	600.00		6,500.00	5,480.89	4,805.00	4,947.50
Summer 2025 Facilities Work (using c/o funds)	17,700.00	revenue = expense				
Telephone	2,400.00		2,400.00	2,014.91	1,906.01	2,050.00
Water and Sewer	6,500.00		6,500.00	6,500.00	7,930.53	5,800.00
FACILITIES	1,172,100.00		689,531.00	665,712.48	483,763.08	466,697.41
B&A CARE						
B&A Care Supplies	1,500.00		2,000.00	1,736.14	1,237.55	0.00
Salary - B&A Care	55,000.00		55,000.00	48,268.20	57,959.75	51,608.80
Social Security (FICA: Soc Security & Medicare)- B&A Care		FICA 7.65% (formula based on salary)	4,754.86	3,724.38	4,350.83	4,500.00
B&A CARE	60,707.50		61,754.86	53,728.72	63,548.13	56,108.80
CLUBS						
Chorus Club					362.00	
Active Minds	2,000.00	revenue = expense	1,000.00	2,000.00		
Girls on the Run	1,066.75	revenue = expense	1,459.68	1,459.68	2,085.64	3,803.63
CLUBS	3,066.75		2,459.68	3,459.68	2,447.64	3,803.63
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND EXPENSES	0.00		0.00	0.00	2,587.00	117,662.10
VARIOUS GRANTS - NCACCESS		revenue = expense	138,240.89	138,240.90	115,487.32	86,141.05
Expenses	5,789,267.51		5,720,755.83	5,712,340.48	5,377,289.72	4,968,989.99
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) - End of Year Balance	45,627.02	اما سميرام امي	115 120 25	425,123.86	521,379.95	366 606 74
% end of year balance	45,627.02 0.78%	·		(471,427.93)		366,686.71 (13,653.00)
70 cma or your barance	0.70/8	remaining amt for reserves		(46,304.07)	510,574.80	353,033.71
Goal End of Year Balance (2%)	\$116,697.89		2, 30.00	(),==/	,	
Additional savings needed to meet goal	-\$71,070.87		1.97%	-0.75%	8.66%	6.62%

Notice

The following file is attached to this PDF. You will need to open this packet in an application that supports attachments to pdf files, e.g. <u>Adobe Reader</u>:

FY26 Budget for approval at 7_24_25 Board Meeting.xlsx

Coversheet

Governance

Section: II. Committee Reports

Item: C. Governance

Purpose: FYI

Submitted by:

Related Material: Renewal Letter for Entering Cohort 2027.docx.pdf

The Exploris School Intent to Renew Charter July 2025.pdf

www.dpi.nc.gov

July 1, 2025

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Dear Charter Administrator and Board Chair:

The Office of Charter School's records indicate your school's charter agreement is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2027.

Per NC General Statute <u>115C-218.6</u>, the Charter Schools Review Board (Review Board) shall renew a charter upon the request of the chartering entity for subsequent periods of 10 years unless one of the following applies:

- (1) The charter school has not provided financially sound audits for the immediately preceding three years.
- (2) The charter school's student academic outcomes for the immediately preceding three years have not been comparable to the academic outcomes of students in the local school administrative unit in which the charter school is located. For purposes of this section, if a school's charter results in it providing services to certain targeted subgroups, the school's academic performance shall be judged in comparison to the academic outcomes of students in the same subgroups in the local school administrative unit where the school is located.
- (3) The charter school is not, at the time of the request for renewal of the charter, substantially in compliance with State law, federal law, the school's own bylaws, or the provisions set forth in its charter granted by the Review Board.

If one of the conditions set forth in subdivisions (1) through (3) of this subsection applies, then the State Board may renew the charter for a period of less than 10 years or not renew the charter.

The renewal process is guided by State Board Policy <u>CHTR-007</u> and North Carolina Administrative Code (<u>16 NCAC 06G .0507</u>). <u>If you intend to renew your charter, please submit a letter of request signed by the board chair to the Office of Charter Schools.</u> The letter only needs to indicate that your school is requesting to renew their charter and should be submitted via Epicenter no later than August 1, 2025.

The Office of Charter Schools will be hosting a webinar to explain the process to all 2027 Renewal Schools, including all deadlines and requirements on August 6, 2025 at 10:00 am. During this time we will share with you the template for the Renewal Self-Study and give you information on your Renewal Site Visit that will occur in early 2026. Please hold this date on your calendar and we will send out more details including the link for the meeting in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions about the Renewal Process, please contact Ms. Jenna Cook via email (jenna.cook@dpi.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

Jenna Cook Education Consultant, Office of Charter Schools

c: Ashley Baquero, Executive Director, Office of Charter Schools Nicky Niewinski, Assistant Director, Office of Charter Schools Megan Carter, Consultant, Office of Charter Schools Brandi Gill, Consultant, Office of Charter Schools Julie Whetzel, Consultant, Office of Charter Schools



Ashley Baquero, Director of the Office of Charter Schools Jenna Cook, Education Consultant, Office of Charter School 6307 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-6307

July 1st, 2025

Dear Office of Charter Schools:

This letter indicates our intent for The Exploris School to renew our charter and our request to join the renewal cohort for this process.

Best regards,

[SIGNATURE]
Steven Darroch, Exploris Board Chair

[SIGNATURE]
Deborah Brown, Exploris Middle School Director

401 Hillsborough St, Raleigh, NC 27603 919-715-0333

Coversheet

Facilities

Section: II. Committee Reports

Item: F. Facilities

Purpose: FYI

Submitted by:

Related Material: July 2025_Exploris Facilities Update.pdf



Exploris Facilities Update

July 22, 2025

Outline

- Monthly Updates
- Summer Work
- Looking Ahead
 - Planned work on the Unified Campus Project
 - Summer work for our current campuses





Monthly Updates

Monthly Updates

- Work has already begun on the following:
 - Revising timelines and budgets to reflect the next phases of work.
 - Coordination for upcoming Administrative Site Review (ASR) and Site Plan Review (SPR), key design and site plan review stages required to obtain a building permit.
- Rosewood is conducting a Negotiated process instead of an open RFP for General Contracting (GC) work.
 - Focus on quality local GCs that are mission-aligned.
- Rosewood is exploring creative ways to get more City support for our project.
 - Mirroring work they do in D.C.

Monthly Updates (continued)

- Architectural Firm Selection Process
 - All four Architectural Firms have been interviewed by the Leadership team. Scores and notes were captured during and after the interviews, and a debriefing session was held with Rosewood.
 - Two of the four firms have risen to the top. Follow-up questions will be sent this week.
 - One of these two had the lowest proposed pricing.
 - The goal is to select our architectural firm by the end of next week.
- The Morningstar Law Firm has been selected as our legal counsel for real estate and development matters. This connection is long established through our friendship with Mack Paul, a highly regarded real estate attorney in Raleigh.





Summer Work

Summer work for our current campuses

Stepping up our game!

- Ethan and Lisa, alongside several steadfast volunteers, have been hard at work beautifying our Elementary Campus!
- The Middle Campus has a few ongoing beautification projects, including the bathrooms.
- Our new safety and security system, powered by Verkada technology, has been installed over the past few weeks.
 - Modern camera system.
 - Door access system with better workflows for Operations staff members.
 - Lower ongoing expenses for monitoring; leveraging technology to prevent and respond to issues.

Elementary Campus

	Exploris Building and Gro V						
1 □	Tr Task V	Status	~	Completion Target 💛	Lead Contact 🗸	Column 7 ~	Tr Notes ~
2	Paint 3rd -4th grade Hallway	Completed	•	7/2/2025	Abbey Burka	abbey.burka@gma	i touch ups left, should be completed 7/5-bill
3	Prime and paint K-2 Hallway	In progress	*	7/2/2025	Bill Irwin	wjirwin1@gmail.co	some primer on wall
4	Prime and Paint over sink in movement room	Not started	•	7/2/2025	Abbey Burka	abbey.burka@gma	i Notes
5	Prime and Paint behind Copier and Refridgerator	Not started	*	7/2/2025	Abbey Burka	abbey.burka@gma	i Notes
6	Hang Hula Hoops	Completed	*	7/2/2025	Bill Irwin	wjirwin1@gmail.co	need a new location, the closet area we chose would
7	Picnic Table Repair	In progress	*	7/31/2025	Bill Irwin	wjirwin1@gmail.co	Notes
8	Take out Loropetalum (bushes) next to sidewalk	In progress	*	7/31/2025	Abbey Burka	abbey.burka@gma	i The landscaping company cut these back for the inte
9	Define and plant new garden by side of Exploris/Swain St.	Not started	•	7/31/2025	Abbey Burka	abbey.burka@gma	i Abbey - I can borrow a tiller if that's helpful. Let me k
10	Replace Boards on Boardwalk	Not started	*	7/31/2025	Bill Irwin	wjirwin1@gmail.co	Bill getting new boards via purchase/donation
11	Sand and seal boardwalke handrails	Not started	•	7/31/2025	Bill Irwin	wjirwin1@gmail.co	Paul can bring a belt sander
12	Connect with 5th Grade Teachers - Update and redesign room. Needs? Carpet?	In progress	+	7/31/2025	Andrea Merkel	amerkel919@gmai	Ethan emailing 5th grade teachers & will CC ANdrea
13	Replace Basketball Goal	Completed	-	7/31/2025	Paul Dudzinski	pjdudzinski@gmai	Done!
14	Relocate Refridgerator and Copier	Not started	•	8/8/2025	Andrea Merkel	amerkel919@gmai	Notes
15	Replace Tile/Carpeting	In progress	*	8/11/2025	WilScott- Prop Mgt		Notes
16	Clean Current Tile/Carpeting	In progress	•	8/4/2025	Bill Irwin		carpets cleaned except K2 hallway and portion of 1s
17	Replace Broken Window Blinds	In progress	*	8/11/2025	WilScott- Prop Mgt		Notes
18	Replace K-2 Door	In progress	•	8/11/2025	WilScott- Prop Mgt		Notes
19	Low Branch Pruning	In progress	*	7/31/2025	Abbey Burka	abbey.burka@gma	i Completed, last branches need to be hauled off
20	Replace Ceiling Tiles with water damage	In progress	*	8/4/2025	WilScott- Prop Mgt		Notes
21	Dispose Lightbulbs	In progress	*	7/2/2025	Bill Irwin	wjirwin1@gmail.co	hazardous waste site is only open on Sat for now, I w
22	Colaborate with K-3 teachers & identify location for new pirate ship on playgroun	Not started	*	10/3/2025	Ethan/Carolyn Floy	cfloyd@exploris.or	¿ Eagle Scout Project. To be installed over fall break
23	Remove debris from gutters on 3-5 building	Completed	-	6/27/2025	Ethan/Bill		We got on the roof!!!
24	Clean out Camden St. lot	Completed	•	7/4/2025	Ethan/Jessica R.		Collaboration w/ The Great Raleigh Clean Up
25	Mend Fences on Camden St. Lot	Not started	•	8/1/2025	Josh C.		Josh Corbat can you get the land owners to mend
26	Move metal planters in Outdoor Classroom to the Garden to use in place of raise	Not started	erec	d by BoardOnT/2026	Carolyn Floyd	cfloyd@exploris.or	Q Old raised beds rotted and were removed. moving pl
27	Demove ween neets under deaking by rain harrele. Leak for more	Net stantad		9 /1 /2025	Devil Dodele eld	nidudzinaki@amai	l N-+



Middle Campus

	Table2 V			*				*		
1	Timestamp 🗸	Name or Email 🗸	Brief description of repair or improvement needed:	Campus: V	Location: V	Detailed description (optional):	Priority ~	Picture or other file:	Approx. Cost	Responsibility ~
2		Josh	Replace carpeting throughout both buildings	Middle Campus	Throughout		High			
3		Josh	Full Mold Testing	Middle Campus	Whole building	Professional mold testing needs to be done over the summer.	High			
4		Josh	Roof leak repairs	Middle Campus	Roof	We still have leaks nearly every time it rains. These need to be repaired.	High			York
5		Josh	Duct cleaning	Middle Campus	HVAC	York has told us that ductwork is cleaned regularly. We're going to verify this definitively OR get them cleaned.	High			
6		Josh	Bathroom repairs and beautification	Middle Campus	Bathrooms	Our bathrooms need some major attention.	High			Exploris
7		Josh	Water bottle filler on 1st floor	Middle Campus	1st floor		High		\$3,000.00	Exploris
8		Alexandra	White board for 8S	Middle Campus	85	"one of the giant whiteboards in the back of 8S was removed. We would really appreciate it if the other one could be removed. These boards do not work-the markers do not erase. We need a real white board in the back of the 8S classroom. 2.5 yards wide by as large as possible height would be awesome."				Exploris



Summer Cleaning

Deep Cleaning of Both Campuses

- Our current custodial contract includes deep cleaning of both campuses over the summer:
 - Wiping and disinfection of all surfaces.
 - Window cleaning, including sills.
 - Vacuuming and cleaning of all air intakes.
 - Wiping all baseboards and walls.
 - Deep cleaning any visible stains, etc.
- We will contract for full floor care this year:
 - Strip and wax of tile flooring.
 - Shampooing and deep vacuuming of all carpets.

Working with our Landlords for Flooring

While we hoped for more, our floors will be ready for a new year

- Before Summer Break began, we reached out to our landlords to inquire about flooring replacements.
- At the beginning of summer, both landlords were not communicative, but persistence paid off for us.
- While flooring replacements are looking unlikely at this point, the talks have led to some cost-sharing for floor care, offering a much-needed financial reprieve for us.
- All floors will either be replaced or deep cleaned so we can start fresh for the new school year.

Floor Care Quotes

Quote #1:

Scope of Work & Pricing:

Strip & Wax Services

- Includes all necessary labor and materials
- Furniture moving included Total: \$6,800.00

Carpet Cleaning Services

- Includes deep cleaning of designated carpeted areas
- Furniture moving included Total: \$1,550.00

Total Quote: \$8,350.00

Quote #2:

Summary -Scope of Work for The Exploris Elementary & Middle School

One Time Floor Cleaning for Summer

Terms and Conditions

- 1. Cleaning supplies will be provided by The Exploris Elementary School
- 2. The terms of this Agreement will take place 2 weeks after school hours 5pm
- Total cost monthly fee of \$8,500 All checks payable to Spot & Shine Custodial Service,
 LLC



Campus Custodial Services

A Ever-changing Puzzle

The challenges:

- Cleaning and maintaining two commercial spaces with a lean budget.
- Communication with the Crew
 - In the past, the large company we contracted with was difficult to communicate with and changed employees assigned to us often.
 - The end product was no better than our current situation.

Campus Custodial Services

A Ever-changing Puzzle

- Our current contract is under market rate, and is being assessed.
- Communication with our current contractor is excellent.
- At present, our custodian subcontracts with a few partners to clean both campuses.
- Our contractor is interested in taking on a more direct role in our custodial needs.
- We are far along in talks with another contractor who is interested in working with us. This contract seems promising, but we have a few details to iron out.



Looking Ahead

Planned work on the Unified Campus Project

Site Review and Value Engineering

- Rosewood is coordinating with a local engineering firm to supply us with pro bono and reduced-cost work to begin the Administrative Site Review (ASR) and Site Plan Review (SPR) processes.
- Next steps:
 - Engaging an architect (almost there!)
 - Revising the project budget (including value engineering)
 - Developing a financing strategy

Current Leases

Staying put for the duration of our development project

- Our Elementary landlord has indicated that they are enthusiastic about us staying put until we can move into our new building.
- Our Middle landlord is increasing our rents considerably for the next 2-3 years, so we are currently negotiating to secure the lowest rates possible.
 - We've explored other options, but they are cost-preventative.
 - Based on our last meeting with the landlord, we will be able to stay in our current campus for the duration of our project.

Additional Information



The Work of the Committee

What does the Facilities Committee do?

More than just find our new home!

- Maintain and improve our current facilities
 - Coordination work
 - On-the-ground improvement tasks
 - Fundraising efforts
- Shepherding our Unified Campus
 Project
 - Dreaming big, staying grounded
 - LOTS of moving parts, so staying engaged with communication (i.e., emails and possibly chats) is imperative



Rosewood's Role in our Unified Campus Project

Recognizing the Need & Finding the Right Partner

Closing the Skills Gap

- Facing Project Complexity: Initial efforts revealed the challenges of large-scale development in Raleigh's market.
- Acknowledging a Skills Gap: Real estate development requires specialized expertise beyond our internal capacity.
- Securing Essential Expertise: Rosewood provides the experienced representation needed to navigate this complex project effectively (since March 2023).
 - They work with urban non-profits, a niche market in the Development space.
- Sharpening Our Focus: This partnership allows school leadership to focus more of their attention on education, while Rosewood expertly manages the campus project.

Rosewood in Action

Driving Tangible Progress

- Driving Kindley Street Due Diligence: Rosewood managed complex site evaluations, traffic studies (TIA/TDM), and City coordination.
- Strategic Site Selection: Assessed 27 sites, recommending Kindley Street as the optimal location for our goals.
- Proactive Coordination & Negotiation: Coordinated with adjacent developer (CCUD) to improve our site position (height, shared plans, shared use potential).
- Initiating Key Financial Benefits (NMTC):
 Started the complex New Markets Tax
 Credit process to significantly reduce the project's long-term cost to the school.

Securing Our Future Campus

Rosewood's Planned Leadership

- Comprehensive Financial Management:
 Overseeing all project financing: underwriting, funding acquisition, budgeting, and updates.
- Expert NMTC Leadership: Leading the full NMTC process to secure tax credits and maximize financial benefits for Exploris.
- Detailed Schedule & Project Oversight:
 Developing and managing project schedules for due diligence and closing to keep us on track.
- Optional Construction Phase Leadership:
 Offers continued expert support through construction for seamless project completion, if needed.
- Focused on Our Goal: All efforts are dedicated to successfully delivering our Unified Campus.

Typical Costs of Development Representation

Development Firm	Monthly Cost	Cost Structure
Rosewood	\$12,000	Fixed rate, not tied to overall project budget.
Rosewood (without Exploris discount)	\$18,000	Fixed rate, not tied to overall project budget.
Previous Firm engaged by Exploris	~\$37,000	Fee tied to overall project budget. Higher rate; not charged up front. Some upfront costs would be absorbed by the firm and charged on the backend.





The use of the Capital Fund for Pre-development Work

Our Strategic Foundation

The 2017 Capital Fund

- Building Our Foundation (2017): A successful Capital Campaign, boosted by school contributions, created a dedicated fund of approximately \$590k.
- A Dedicated Resource: These funds were restricted, meaning they could only be used for costs tied directly to our Unified Campus Project.
- Planning for Our Future Home: This foresight provided essential capital specifically intended for finding and preparing our future school site.

Putting Funds to Work for Kindley Street

Prudent Stewardship of Funds

- Funds were carefully spent only on allowable expenses crucial for searching for and evaluating potential campus sites near Downtown.
- Essential Groundwork: Key investments included:
 - Development Support (site identification/assessment, NMTC start-up, sourcing expert help)
 - Traffic Site Analysis & Approval
 - Property Taxes
 - Legal Fees & Feasibility Study
- Focusing on Our Chosen Site: These necessary expenditures allowed us to perform vital due diligence and prepare the Kindley Street property.

Paving the Way Forward

The Impact of Our Investment

- Critical Funding for Progress: This
 Capital Account was absolutely essential, enabling us to secure, assess, and move forward with the Kindley Street lot.
- Protecting School Resources: Using these dedicated funds strategically meant we avoided draining daily operating budgets or taking on early project debt.
- Strengthening Our Financial Position:
 This approach preserved operational
 funds and put us in a stronger position for
 the upcoming major Bond Financing
 phase.
- A Clear Path to Our Goal: The prudent use of these 2017 funds successfully laid the necessary groundwork, creating the path forward to our unified "forever home."

Capital Fund Expenditures

- Legal: \$3,681.50 (the School paid all of the legal costs of the litigation and settlement for Kindley Street)
- Traffic Site Analysis and Approval: \$66,869.60
- **Development Support:** \$397,534.05. This includes:
 - Site identification and assessment
 - New Markets Tax Credit initiation and startup
 - Sourcing pro bono and reduced-cost pre-development engineering support (e.g., test fits and site plans)
 - Rosewood's portion over two years: \$297,200.00
- Property Taxes: \$74,713.21
- Capital Campaign Feasibility Study: \$28,000



Coversheet

Directors Report

Section: V. Meeting Items Item: A. Directors Report

Purpose: FY

Submitted by:

Related Material: Exploris Student Device Damage Protection Plan.pdf

July 2025 Exploris Leadership Team Board Report.pdf



The Exploris School Student Device Damage Protection Plan

Introduction

Exploris students learn the skills and dispositions necessary to navigate the ever-changing digital landscape and leverage their strengths with digital tools to drive improvements in the world around them. Technology costs remain high, and we hold firmly that students should have ample access to school-provided devices whenever necessary for learning. As such, accidental damage occurs as students move around their space with technology in hand, sometimes causing us to lean on families to fund repairs and replacements.

The Student Device Damage Protection Plan is designed to provide families an optional means to mitigate the costs associated with device repairs and replacements. The terms of the Plan are outlined below.

Cost

To opt into the Student Device Damage Protection Plan, families will pay a one-time fee of \$50 directly to The Exploris School. Payments will be made via cash or check or via the school's PayPal account. Please click here to make an online payment via PayPal. [INSERT LINK]

Terms and Conditions

Upon receipt of payment, families will be notified via email that their plan has been activated. This email will come directly from Google and requires families to complete a short enrollment survey following payment. Please allow PayPal to redirect you to the survey upon payment.

Families must opt in and pay the plan fee for each student enrolled at Exploris. The plan covers repairs and replacements for a single student during a single school year.

Repairs

Upon successful plan enrollment, repairs will be completed for student devices at no cost to families. Cumulative repairs totaling more than \$200 will require an additional **\$25** payment from the family for additional repairs in a single school year.

Replacements

Upon successful plan enrollment, a single device replacement will be covered for the current school year. Additional replacements in the same school year will require a one-time \$150 payment, roughly half the cost of a new device.





The Exploris School

Directors Report

To: Board Members **From:** Ethan, Josh, & Deb **Re:** Monthly Board Report

Date: July 24, 2025

The following information is provided to the Board of Directors:

Enrollment

Grade Level	Number for Full Enrollment	Target Crew Sizes	Current Enrollment	2025-2026 Applications	2024-2025 Applications as of 7/25/24
Kindergarten	34	17	31	173	160
1 st Grade	36	18	36	69	64
2 nd Grade	38	19	34	46	57
3 rd Grade	38	19	38	60	84
4 th Grade	38	19	37	55	65
5 th Grade	38	19	35	59	67
6 th Grade	76	19	76	146	144
7 th Grade	76	19	74	48	53
8 th Grade	76	19	76	37	41
Total	450		437	693	735

Note: Summer enrollment is automated through EnrollEase and each seat is automatically offered to the next person on the waitlist if the seat becomes available. This process continues until we are fully enrolled or set a cut off date sometime in the first trimester or later. Each seat currently vacant has an offer pending.

Student Support Team Report

Month	In School Suspension # students / # days	Out of School Suspension # students / # days	Major referrals that did not result in suspension # students / # referrals	Minor Behavior Referrals # students / # referrals
August	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
September				
October				
November				
December				
January				
February				
March				

April		
May		
June		
TOTALS		

Campus Updates

• Wrapping up the 24-25 school year:

- Testing went very smoothly, with just one statewide issue on the first day where the testing website went down after testing had started. Schools were offered the chance to restart the test that day once it was back online or to reschedule for another day.
- The EC department and administration was very busy in May and June wrapping up required IEP and transition meetings that had to be completed before the year's end in order to stay in compliance. A report from the Education Excellence Committee on the State of the EC Department is <u>linked here</u>.
- Teams planned all sorts of special events to celebrate with their crews, including field experiences to local water parks, arcades, movies, and parks
- We held an end of year staff celebration on Wed. June 4th with on-site catering from Crepe
 Time Crepes
- The End-of-the-Year Report from the Education Excellence Committee summarizing the year in review is <u>linked here</u>.

• Planning & Preparing for the 25-26 School Year

- o A virtual kindergarten orientation program was offered on the evening of June 2nd
- The summer team planned alternating vacation schedules to make sure appropriate coverage and attention to any emerging issues was covered; each director and the 11 month employees have all had some time off!
- We are preparing for the implementation of Infinite Campus. This state-wide program will be replacing Powerschool and will be the main hub for attendance, student records, and family communications. We are training on the new system incrementally, with Josh and our operations team first learning the system, then the rest of the administrative and student support team, and then the full staff will have training from DPI during the preservice workweek
- The Administrative and Student Support Team summer work includes:
 - facilities repair, cleaning, and beautification
 - reviewing safety plans and crisis manuals
 - full line-by-line review of the school policy handbooks
 - scheduling and calendar items
 - reports and compliance tasks for Office of Charter School, DPI, and federal programming
 - reviewing data and planning vision and priorities for the upcoming school year
 - finalizing any hiring
 - planning new staff onboarding
 - planning the staff workweek
 - planning the professional development program and priorities for the upcoming school year, including our beginning teachers/mentors support programming
 - managing the lottery waitlist and enrollment
 - filing, reviewing records, and sending transcripts
 - reviewing all contracted programs and making renewal, replacement, or non-renewal decisions
 - reviewing the new guidelines for using AI in the classroom and developing education programs and usage policies for Exploris staff and classrooms

- Deb was a speaker at the state charter school conference sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Public Charter Schools in Wilmington on July 16th, 17th, and 18th
- July 7th-July 25th is the annual elementary summer reading camp, designed to reinforce literacy fundamentals and help students make gains and prevent learning loss in the summer months
- New Staff Onboarding is Aug. 4th-5th
- All staff return for the pre-service workweek training and preparation starting on Wednesday, Aug. 6th

Community Events

- The Elementary Campus hosted its annual Fields of Fun on May 20th (rescheduled after some rain)
- A 5th grade promotion celebration was held on June 5th. 5th graders also had a chance to visit and tour the middle school to meet teachers and get to see the program and campus
- 8th grade graduation was held on Friday, June 8th at the Raleigh Rose Garden/Raleigh Little
 Theater Amphitheater, and featured alumni speakers, performances from the Exploris Elementary
 Choir, and individual recognition of each graduate
- Once again this summer we were able to partner with Arts Together and rent out the middle school campus for their summer art camp programming
- Orientation programs for rising 6th graders and Q&A for incoming will be held on July 24th and July 28th
- The Kindergarten Readiness Camp, scheduled for July 29th, will provide an introduction to school with a social-emotional focus.
- Meet-the-Teacher night is Monday, Aug. 11th
- First day of classes for students is Wednesday, Aug. 13th

Human Resources Update

Staff Departures		
Name	Position	Notes
Marcella Brideson	7th ELA	Ms. Marcella is looking for a new challenge and we wish her the best.
Aideen Lambe	6th Math/Science	Due to family medical issues that will necessitate frequent travel to
		Ireland, Mrs. Aideen declined to continue in the role where she was a
		long-term sub; she is interested in staying as a day-to-day sub.
Dorsey McMillan	3rd Teaching Partner	The 3rd grade teaching partner position is being transitioned to a
		Teaching Partner role in the EC Department. Ms. Dorsey was offered
		the Teaching Partner position in kindergarten and declined.
Ashley Moser	3rd Crew	Mrs. Ashley is transitioning to a school where she can teach and her
		son can attend. She was excited to teach Connected World at Exploris,
		calling it her "dream job." She initially accepted it in June.

New Hires for Approval						
Name	Position	Notes				
Nikki Parker	K Teaching Partner	Resume Nikki Parker				
Bobbi Brown-Mayo	ES Connected World	Resume Bobbi Brown-Mayo				
Thomson Jaffee	6th grade ELA	Resume Thomson Jaffe (certified)				
Cole Travis	6th grade Math	Resume Cole Travis (eligible for residency				
		certification)				
Lauren Yusician	7th grade ELA	Resume, Lauren Yusician (certified)				

Internal Position C	Changes	
Kelly Gay	3rd grade crew	moving from 1st grade
Melissa Conway	1st grade crew	moving from a teaching partner position into a full teaching role
Daniel Hencher	3rd grade crew	moving from the ES Connected World position back into the
		crew teacher role
Mariah Perry	MS Connected World	moving from 7th grade ELA
Skylar Edgerton	7th grade ELA	moving from 6th grade ELA
Austin Cole	EC Teaching partner	moving from 3rd crew into a new position to support a
		self-contained classroom

Current & Anticipated Vacancies for 25-26 School Year
None

Important Dates (Board Attendance Requested)

- Let us know if you'd like to stop by to greet staff on our first day back on Wed. Aug. 6th at about 8:30 am
- All Board members are invited to attend the drop in Meet-the-Teacher Night on Monday, Aug. 11th between 4:00-6:00pm on either campus