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The Exploris School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday October 25, 2016 at 4:30 PM

Location
Exploris Middle School campus - 401 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh NC

Directors Present
B. Kingery, C. Cunningham, C. Hutchens, J. Gerdts, K. Byars-Nichols, M. Fields, T. Miller

Directors Absent
None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
C. Hutchens

Ex Officio Members Present
L. Perry-Lawless, S. Clayton

Guests Present
C. Gray, J. Frawley, K. Furr, M. Mitchell-Neal, Maggie Gargan, Remi Wingo, Wendy Bernstein

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

Christine Hutchins is running late. We have multiple guests in the audience. We also want to welcome our four new board members (Melissa, Jessica, Carrie and Kelly). Their term will begin in November.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Gerdts called a meeting of the board of directors of The Exploris School to order on Tuesday Oct 25, 2016 at 4:30 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Fields made a motion to Approve Minutes Board Meeting on 09-27-16.
C. Cunningham seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approval of Agenda

M. Fields made a motion to Approve the agenda adding the Board on Track contract and discussion to change the dates of the November and December meeting.
B. Kingery seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Presentation

A. k/1 Invitation to hear student presentations

Maggie led the meeting with a request for board members to come to the school on November 17 at1:15 time to observe a presentation by the K/1 classroom.
C. Hutchens arrived.

III. Governance

A. Board Officer Nominations

Initial discussion on the Officers description. Utilizing the descriptions provided by the Board on Track the board discussed adopting Officer descriptions with greater detail than the organization's bylaws.

Actions from this discussion: Request for the Governance Committee/Secretary to take the information and align Exploris' terminology to the job descriptions for action "as expectations" in November.

Nominations of Officers:

The terms of the current Officers ended on June 30, 2017. We are nominating new Officers

Nominated: Keely Byars (Secretary) by Tom Miller
Nominated: Mike Field (Treasurer) by Tom Miller
Nominated: James Fields (Board Chair) by Tom Miller
Nominated: Tom Miller (Vice-Chair) by James Gerdts

C. Cunningham made a motion to Approve the nominations of four Director positions until June 2017.
B. Kingery seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Board Training

Discussion on the agenda development: Critical Items first, Bold Action items.

Presentations up front (for them to stay) Big things first.

Strengthen the committee processes and goals.

Who will take minutes: Clerk, staff or secretary

Who will be taking minutes Moving forward: Secretary will work on it for December.

Agenda Exercises: Reactive vs. Responsive

Committee Structure: Streamlining committee roles and responsibility.

Agenda focused on the future, not the now. The ED report will be sent monthly and there will be questions.

Governance Committee to provide recommendations to the board regarding a public comment process.

Moved forward to Roles and Responsibilities: Went over the Roles, the shared responsibilities.

IV. ED's Report

A.

Curriculum Night Survey

Comment regarding the Principal's Consortium, How impressed the principals were to see the engaged students who understood the mission and vision of the school.

Looking at the future, Exploris may seek to become a PD site.

Foundations may cover the cost for these opportunities for Exploris to share their best practices.

Mike asked for feedback regarding the new positions (approved by the board this year) are meeting the school's needs.

B. Exploris vs WCPSS EOGs

Exploris was one of the highest performing public schools in Wake County.

C. Parent University

D. Charter School Renewal

There were questions on Exploris' not meeting growth 2014-2015 and what did the Office of Charter Schools mean in their Growth comments, the board and leadership are aware of "this". The question is who or what is this?

All members were pleased by the school's 10 year renewal.

E. Model for Best-Practices

Tom Miller shared that a few charter schools across the State lead conferences or have staff that mentor oter schools in their best practices. With an annual budget to cover, this could be a way to bring in additional funding. However it would need management so the ED and curriculum team are not taken away from their key responsibilities.

V. Finance

A. Monthly Financial

Mike asked that we as an organization have 100% participation of all stakeholders, parents, staff and board for the annual fund.

Unanimous vote.

In November the board would like to see where the funding will be amended in the current budget.
M. Fields made a motion to Approve BOT for a one year contract at $8,000 with the required NC language and a way to terminate the contract. .
B. Kingery seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Closing Items

A. Future Agenda Items

Approval for the November and December meetings.

Move to November 15 (annual meeting) and December 13th. Both scheduled for 4:30.
The November meeting might be extended in time (60 minutes) to cover retreat items.

For next month:

Governance: Public Comment, Officers Description and Committee
Strategic in System
Conflict of Interest signed
Facilities update
ED Report to have a report regarding the ROI on the new positions approved by the board.
T. Miller made a motion to Amend the two meeting dates in November (15) an December (13) and extend the November meeting 60 minutes for retreat items.
C. Cunningham seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Gerdts
J. Gerdts made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
T. Miller seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.