APPROVED

The Exploris School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday February 28, 2017 at 4:30 PM

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

Directors Present
B. Kingery (remote), C. Cunningham, C. Gray, C. Hutchens (remote), J. Frawley, J. Gerdts, K. Byars-Nichols, K. Furr, M. Fields, M. Mitchell-Neal (remote), T. Miller

Directors Absent
None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
C. Gray

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

Guests Present
A. Northrup, C. Robinson, M. Parkerson, R. Wingo, S. Hardy

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Gerdts called a meeting of the board of directors of The Exploris School to order on Tuesday Feb 28, 2017 at 4:30 PM.

C. Approve Agenda

C. Cunningham made a motion to Approve agenda.
M. Fields seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes From Last Meeting

T. Miller made a motion to approve January minutes Board Meeting on 01-24-17.
C. Cunningham seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approve Kim von Weihe as new Board member

T. Miller made a motion to approve membership of Kim to the board.
M. Fields seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Presentations

A. FY 16 Annual Audit

Amanda reports no issues or concerns as a result of the audit, and that the school should be commended on this. After detailing assets and investments, lease costs, materials and supplies costs, and salaries, she reports that the school ended the year in sound financial shape.
Amanda also reports that our tax return reconciles with financial documentations.
C. Gray arrived.
M. Fields made a motion to file 990 tax return as presented by Amanda.
T. Miller seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Meeting the Needs of ALL Learners

Amanda and Michelle introduced themselves and their roles here at Exploris as instructional support for all students and teachers. They presented data around test scores, special needs, demographics to provide us with a snapshot (from 5th grade). Exploris demographics show that we are more heavily weighted toward the higher two quintiles in proficiency. Further, all groups for which there was sufficient data show growth.

Amanda next presented information about a typical day in core instructional support, in this 5th grade sample. Then, Michelle presented information about how students who need intervention are identified, and how that intervention is then delivered. The instructional support team concluded their presentation with clear assertions that the needs of all students were begin met through differentiated instruction and integrated supports.
Tom challenged the staff to codify ways to show other ways that students are successful aside from standardized test scores. Amanda and Michelle reminded the board that that is currently what the EEC is working toward. Kim noted that test scores are also important; the group agreed. We just crave a more holistic picture. Tom urged us to be a model for other schools who want to measure sucess internally and differently.

III. ED's Report

A. Charter Performance Framework

Summer presented and briefly reviewed the performance framework document. There were no questions.

B. Philanthropy Updates

As part of philanthropy report, Summer showed us the new facility plans and discussed plans around press releases and parent and donor information sessions.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Governance

Tom's only report is the addition of Kim to the board.

B. Finance

- Motion to approve tax returns previously made and approved.
- Mike explain in greater detail #2 and #3 and #4.

C. Cunningham made a motion to convert PayPal account.
J. Frawley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
C. Cunningham made a motion to transfer funds from checking account to reserve account.
M. Fields seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
C. Gray made a motion to approve committee job description (with minor revisions from "trustees" to "directors").
J. Gerdts seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

M. Fields made a motion to pay off outstanding debt incurred in construction of the elementary school.
J. Gerdts seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Facilities

Bob has no further updates.

D. Educational Excellence

Keely noted that the committee was making good progress in developing educational excellence goals and measurements, as led by Amanda and Michelle. She also reported that the ED Eval and Support Committee (as a sort of subcommittee) is also still in-progress in terms of meeting with Summer to develop annual goals. We should have updates on both of these items in March meeting.

V. Closing Items

A. Future Agenda Items

- Staffing and Administration Structure: all new possibilities, per Kaizen Team recommendations (March)
- Strategic Goal #4 (March)
- Draft of Grievance Process (March)
- EEC Goals and Measurements (March)
- Liability, policies, practices and procedures around student safety and mental health (April)

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Byars-Nichols