

APPROVED



The Exploris School

Minutes

Education Excellence Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday November 15, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Location

Elementary School

Committee Members Present

F. McKay, K. Byars-Nichols, K. Johnson, M. Parkerson

Committee Members Absent

A. Northrup, J. Frawley, J. Martinez, M. Mitchell-Neal

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Byars-Nichols called a meeting of the Educational Excellence Committee of The Exploris School to order on Thursday Nov 15, 2018 at 4:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

K. Byars-Nichols made a motion to approve minutes from the Education Excellence Committee Meeting on 09-11-18 Education Excellence Committee Meeting on 09-11-18.

K. Johnson seconded the motion.

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

II. Education Excellence

A. Discuss possible revisions to framework and artifacts

We discussed making the following small revisions to the EE process:

1. Identify strengths and weakness in current year assessment
2. Add a "step" where for goal-setting for upcoming school year.

B. Spring Presentations to Board

We identified a few needs. The board probably needs to be made more aware of how achievement is measured. The board generally understands Exploris School culture; however, more should be done to make the board aware of how much the standardized test scores/conventional measurements matter.

For example, Michelle and Frank offered several examples of how, for example, growth and proficiency can be influenced by socio-economics of students, previous year teacher effectiveness, where any given student begins in the year assessment process.

We will plan to ask Ellie if she and maybe another administrator can give the board a brief presentation about how much assessment data (including the letter grade/EVAAS data) matters when developing goals.

C. Equity and Diversity Update

Town Hall Update

Ellie, Cori and Frank met with Adrienne Davis 10/30 and had a really good conversation about the town hall. Adrienne provided really helpful perspective and will be a great facilitator.

Other updates

- Katie and Frank provided input on updated FAQ's for the lottery process that Ellie is sharing with the board today. Should be ready to post on the website and use in recruiting after that.
- Keely found a couple of parents to assist Ellie with translating the application and FAQ's into Spanish.
- Ellie will announce the town hall in this week's newsletter inviting parents to attend.
- 11/29 at 4:30 for our next EDC meeting to go over final plan for town hall.
- Parent recruitment meeting will be schedule after Town Hall.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

K. Byars-Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

K. Johnson seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Byars-Nichols