



The Exploris School

Minutes

EEC Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday January 31, 2019 at 4:00 PM

Location

Elementary School

Committee Members Present

K. Byars-Nichols, K. Johnson, M. Mitchell-Neal, M. Parkerson

Committee Members Absent

A. Northrup, F. McKay, J. Frawley

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 Jan 31, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

K. Byars-Nichols made a motion to approve minutes from the Education Excellence Committee Meeting on 11-15-18 Education Excellence Committee Meeting on 11-15-18.

K. Johnson seconded the motion.

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

II. Education Excellence

A. Planning Presentation to Board

The group discussed the existing framework for measuring excellence (rigor, relevance, relationships) was still useful; however, more work needs to be done to explain to the board (and possible other stakeholders) how data around the three measures informs instruction. (See Board Documents for full descriptions of each "R" and possible artifacts that could be used to measure each).

We identified the need for an explanation that walks us through how a data report gets disseminated, interpreted, and integrated by administration and teachers. Michelle suggested that she and Amanda could offer this information to the board in March [it was later suggested that February would work better]. Keely will confirm dates and time allotment with Michelle soon.

B. Update on EDC Activities in Dec and Jan

Equity and Diversity Committee Updates:

- We had a small but productive meeting on Jan 10 where we mostly talked about recruitment and did some outreach. We developed and planned out efforts on a google doc that included churches, art and community centers, and online communities, all centering on people of color.
- Next meeting - looking at Feb 14 or 19 for a possible meeting date to identify next steps.
- Grant opportunity - Ellie shared that the school is going to pursue a large grant through the state that would help provide supports for ED students. She has asked if anyone on our committee would be interested in joining a team to help develop a proposal between now and March. Katie Johnson and Amy FitzGerlad both from our committee have volunteered to help.
- Action items for future committee discussion include
 - Funding for student supports (meals, scholarships, etc)
 - Additional recommendations for equity training for staff (and board)
 - Parent and family engagement (partnering with PTO for events, sponsoring book reads, etc)
 - Making information and communication more accessible to all families

In recent conversations, Ellie notes: 1) the need to pursue other options for meals, since our trial this year with Spicy Green has not generated the revenue anticipated to cover meals, 2) ongoing training like the Town Hall held in December) would be useful, possibly with Adrienne again since it went so well.

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