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## The Exploris School

# Minutes

## Regular

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### Date and Time

Tuesday March 23, 2021 at 4:30 PM

### Location

Board meetings are currently virtual until further notice.

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Topic: Exploris School Board Mtg

Time: Feb 23, 2021 04:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Deb Brown is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Time: Mar 23, 2021 04:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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### **Directors Present**

A. Rodriguez, D. Deaton, D. Kain, G. Burnette, J. Hwang, K. Byars-Nichols, M. West, S. Darroch, T. Kingsberry, T. Miller

### **Directors Absent**

J. Korreck, K. Hogan

### **Guests Present**

C. Greer-Banks, Cori Greer-Banks, D. Brown, Devon Rose, K. Morgan, Leah Perry, M. Gargan, Mabel Lajes-Guiteras, Michelle Parkerson, Shannon Hardy, Sharon Cuffe, T. Simmons, Tammie Guyer

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

T. Kingsberry called a meeting of the board of directors of The Exploris School to order on Tuesday Mar 23, 2021 at 4:35 PM.

### **C. Approve February Minutes**

S. Darroch made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular on 02-23-21.

A. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## II. Interim Leadership Report

### A. Personnel and Operations

D. Brown and A. Northrup provided the following updates:

- There were no new contracts or appointments for the Board to consider.
- Recommended revisions were suggested for the School calendar. These included:
  - Inclusion of additional teacher workdays.
  - Inclusion of major holidays for all faith traditions.
  - Inclusion of flex days as placeholders for digital / alternative learning opportunities.
- Board approval was requested to adopt the new Beginning Teacher Support Plan.
  - This plan has been approved by DPI and is designed to support the onboarding of new teaching professionals.
- The ILT increased substitute teacher incentive pay in order to mitigate labor shortages in the market.
- The annual partnership with UNC to host German students was conducted virtually this year.
- Exploris will participate in the first Kenan Fellows pilot program - the program will be aligned with grades K and 6 since these are the primary points of student entry into the School.
- Exploris is actively pursuing health alliances that would support ongoing medical, dental, vision, and COVID testing needs for students.
- The Lottery was held virtually on March 5 in partnership with Charter Success Partners.
  - There were 83 seats to be filled with 68 completed registrations, 15 seats in process, and 961 students on the waiting list as of Friday, March 19.
- Plan B reopening two weeks earlier progressed smoothly with no issues. Two staff members (Alyssa and Sharon) provided personal feedback.
- Board approval was requested to re-open based on Plan A (minimal social distancing).
  - While the Elementary School will be required to re-open based on new DPI guidance, the Middle School is not legally allowed to open at this time.
  - To accommodate Plan A, March 26, April 5, and April 6 were requested to be modified from remote learning days into teacher workdays.
- Winter MAP testing showed mixed results - some good progress mixed with potential issues to address.
- New for the 20-21 school year is 6 hours of mental health training for staff.
- The School is applying for various grants related to COVID-19 and learning loss to support ongoing programming.

J. Hwang made a motion to approve the School calendar as presented.

D. Kain seconded the motion.

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

S. Darroch made a motion to approve the new Beginning Teacher Support Plan.

T. Miller seconded the motion.

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

J. Hwang made a motion to re-open the Elementary School based on Plan A (minimal social distancing) using the modified calendar.

D. Deaton seconded the motion.

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

## **B. Finance**

The Finance Committee met on March 18 to review the February financial reports and develop the budget for the next fiscal year.

## **C. Board Business**

J. Hwang will collect biographies and profile photos for the new website and bond financing needs.

## **III. Committee Reports**

### **A. Facilities**

L. Perry provided an update on new properties that the School is investigating in conjunction with the City of Raleigh.

### **B. Governance**

D. Brown provided an update on i) the Board's new Board Member recruiting plan and ii) a pending update of new School Policies.

### **C. Climate and Culture**

M. West will serve as the chair of the Climate and Culture Committee moving forward.

C. Greer-Banks provided an update on the Committee's outreach and survey efforts from staff and Board members. A key conclusion was the need for a 3rd staff member to coordinate between Middle and Elementary campuses.

### **D. Other Business**

T. Kingsberry thanked J. Korreck and K. Hogan for their service on the Board.

## **IV. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

T. Miller made a motion to adjourn today's meeting.

S. Darroch seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** 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 6:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
T. Kingsberry