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The Exploris School

Minutes

The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday January 25, 2022 at 4:30 PM

Location
Virtual Meeting on Zoom for all participants and attendees.

Topic: Exploris School Board Mtg

LOCATION: VIRTUAL https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7076277567

Directors Present
A. Cioffi (remote), A. Rodriguez (remote), D. Deaton (remote), E. Buchan (remote), E. Grunden (remote), J. Hwang (remote), L. Friedman (remote), M. Townley (remote), M. West (remote), R. Boyce (remote), S. Darroch (remote), T. Kingsberry (remote)

Directors Absent
C. Napier

Ex Officio Members Present

A. Moser (remote), D. Brown (remote), E. Burton (remote), J. Corbat (remote)

Guests Present
Amanda Habich (remote), Brooke Hedrick (remote), Cori Greer-Banks (remote), K. Morgan (remote), Lyndsey Anderson (remote), M. Parkerson (remote), Maggie Gargan (remote), Martha Merrill (remote), Stacey Carothers (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Darroch called a meeting of the board of directors of The Exploris School to order on Tuesday Jan 25, 2022 at 4:33 PM.

C. Approve December Minutes

T. Kingsberry made a motion to approve the minutes from The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 12-14-21.
A. Rodriguez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Public Comment

Comment by Stacey Carothers regarding facemask policy - She recommends moving to the NCDHHS Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit.

II. Leadership Report

A. Finance

L. Friedman made a motion to Move external audit report by Amanda from TJT up in the agenda before the Leadership Reports.
M. West seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
Amanda Habich from TJT provided a summary of the external audit report.
E. Grunden made a motion to Approve the external audit report by TJT.
T. Kingsberry seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
S. Darroch made a motion to approve budget revisions per changes that have occurred since the original budget was approved on May 25, 2021.
E. Grunden seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B.

Leadership Report

T. Kingsberry made a motion to Approve the requested 2022-2023 calendar with an added color coding.
E. Grunden seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
1. Exploris Leadership Team Report:
• Student enrollment updates
• Student support updates
• School programming and academic initiatives
• Kaizen Report and School Improvement
• Recruitment and Lottery Update
• Campus updates ◦ COVID response updates ◦ Buildings & grounds

2. Personnel and Operations
• No new personnel items
• Board approval is requested for the 2022-2023 Exploris Calendar (in packet)

3. Covid Updates
• Mandatory monthly vote on wearing masks in school:
Board approval is requested to continue requiring universal masking indoors at the Exploris Middle School campus and both indoors and outdoors at the Exploris Elementary campus.
• Board approval is requested for the updated Exploris Return to Learn Plan (January updates are highlighted in yellow)
• Vaccinations & Testing

4. Kaizen Team Update
T. Kingsberry made a motion to Approve the Return to Learn Plan.
A. Cioffi seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
J. Hwang made a motion to Approve the request to continue requiring universal masking policy at ES and MS & the highlighted changes to the Return to Learn Plan - Review on a biweekly bases.
D. Deaton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Board Business

A. Discussion Items

PTO update from Dana - upcoming events.

IV. Committee Reports

A.

Governance Committee Report

Conversations about tightening up communication school-wide

B. Educational Excellence

Data is currently being collected.

C. IDEA Committee

Currently need a board rep and school reps to get this committee off the ground.

V. Closed Session: legal and facilities updates

A. Closed Session

S. Darroch made a motion to closed session.
M. West seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
Facilities updates were shared and discussed.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. West