

# The Exploris School

## **Minutes**

## The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday March 22, 2022 at 4:30 PM

#### Location

Topic: The Exploris School Board Month Meeting March 2022 Time: Mar 22, 2022 04:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7076277567">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7076277567</a>

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#### **Directors Present**

A. Cioffi (remote), A. Rodriguez (remote), D. Deaton (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, E. Buchan

## **Ex Officio Members Present**

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

## **Non Voting Members Present**

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

#### **Guests Present**

Lyndsey Anderson (remote), Maggie Gargan (remote), Martha Merrill (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 Mar 22, 2022 at 4:35 PM.

## C. Approve Minutes

- S. Darroch made a motion to approve the minutes from The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 02-22-22.
- J. Hwang seconded the motion.

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

#### D. Public Comment

Leah Friedman - Major problem with Police Officers ticketing for parking during pick up at the Middle School. Requests for more grace during 3-3:15pm.

#### II. Meeting Items

## A. Directors's Report

COVID Status & Response:

The rates of positive cases are declining at school and in the community. Currently, our school has less than 0.5% active cases.

#### Academic Progress:

Update on intervention plans/tracking.

#### Kaizen Initiatives:

The first meeting of a class size and co-teaching working group was held; teachers have defined a plan to continue exploring options moving forward. This work is being done in close partnership with Operations and Finance.

## Community Engagement:

Many grade-levels are inviting visitors back on campus and are planning upcoming field experiences. Community partners have been visiting our campus. We have been in touch with Shinonome, our sister school in Japan!

Board member attendance is invited for the 8th grade passage portfolios.

M. West made a motion to continue the current Exploris policy of recommended, but not required, masking for both indoor and outdoor activities.

A. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

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

E. Grunden made a motion to modify the end of the year school calendar to accommodate end of year testing requirements (only for students taking EOG testing 3-8).

M. Townley seconded the motion.

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

## **B.** Finance Report

Latest budget updates. Everything is on track.

#### C. Board Business

- A. Rodriguez made a motion to accept the resignation of Courtney Napier from the Exploris School Board.
- J. Hwang seconded the motion.

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

M. West made a motion to change regular monthly meetings from the 4th Tuesday of each month to the 4th Thursday of each month.

A. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

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

## **III. Committee Reports**

#### A. Governance

The DRAFT of the Director Evaluation and Feedback proposal (Michelle Parkerson) was shared with the Board.

#### **Board Terms:**

- Board skills and needs
- Recommending new members

#### **B.** Educational Excellence

- E. Burton shared updates on:
- 1st Key indicator is being piloted using NSTAR platform
- 2nd indicator will be developed after feedback from piloting this platform and format

## **IV. Closed Session**

## A. Facilities & Legal Items

- J. Hwang made a motion to go into closed session.
- M. Townley seconded the motion.

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

Facilities updates shared and next steps for communicating to the larger community.

- S. Darroch made a motion to come out of closed session.
- M. Townley seconded the motion.

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

## V. 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 6:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. West