



## The Exploris School

### Minutes

#### The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday December 14, 2021 at 4:30 PM

**Location**

Exploris Elementary School  
5th Grade Classroom  
17 S. Swain St.  
Raleigh, NC 27601

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**Topic: Exploris School Board Mtg**

**LOCATION:** Exploris Elementary School 17 S. Swain St. Raleigh, NV

**VIRTUAL OPTION** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7076277567>

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**Directors Present**

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

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**Directors Absent**

J. Hwang

**Ex Officio Members Present**

D. Brown, E. Burton, J. Corbat

**Non Voting Members Present**

D. Brown, E. Burton, J. Corbat

**Guests Present**

Shannon Hardy

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**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 Dec 14, 2021 at 4:32 PM.

**C. Approve October Minutes**

L. Friedman made a motion to approve the minutes from The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 10-26-21.

A. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

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

**D. Public Comment**

There were no public comments made during this meeting.

**II. Leadership Report**

**A. Leadership Report**

- Student enrollment updates
- Student support updates
- School programming and academic initiatives
- Kaizen Report and School Improvement
- Recruitment and Lottery Update
- Board requested disciplinary report
- Campus updates ◦ COVID response updates ◦ Buildings & grounds

A. Rodriguez made a motion to Approve new hires: Abby Nick as MS EC teacher, Alexandra van Dorsten for MS Math and Science teacher, Nikki Kovach for MS GA Media Literacy teacher, Madison Stevens ES Interventions teaching partner.

M. West seconded the motion.

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

A. Rodriguez made a motion to Accept resignation: Christina Franklin as Middle School Global Arts Media Literacy teacher.

M. West seconded the motion.

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

T. Kingsberry made a motion to Continue requiring universal masking indoors at the Exploris Middle School campus and both indoors and outdoors at the Exploris Elementary campus.

M. West seconded the motion.

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

Kaizen team update - creating new initiatives, committees, task forces, etc. to gather more data on the needs and direction for school improvement.

E. Buchan made a motion to to modify Friday, December 17th, currently a half day of instruction, to a full vacation day.

R. Boyce seconded the motion.

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

E. Buchan agreed to join the Calendar Committee to build out the 2022-2023 and the 2023-2024 school calendars

A. Rodriguez made a motion to approve both the annual 8th grade Outward Bound contract (in packet) and the 6th grade field experience with Astrocamp (in packet).

E. Buchan seconded the motion.

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

## **B. Finance**

Monthly budget report and updates.

## **III. Board Business**

### **A. Discussion Items**

- PTO Update by D. Deaton on community events and fundraising events for teachers and families.
- Foundation Report by K. Harris.

## **IV. Committee Reports**

### **A. Strategic Committee**

Discussion on direction and next steps for Strategic Plan and committees.

## **V. Closed Session**

### **A. Closed Session**

M. Townley made a motion to go into closed session.

E. Buchan seconded the motion.

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

Discussed Facilities updates and next steps.

T. Kingsberry made a motion to come out of closed session.

S. Darroch seconded the motion.

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

## **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 6:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. West