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The Exploris School

Minutes

The Exploris School Board Meeting for July 28, 2022

Date and Time
Thursday July 28, 2022 at 4:30 PM

Location
Virtual Google Meet Meeting

The Exploris School Board Meeting
Thursday, July 28 · 16:30 – 18:00
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: **https://meet.google.com/bgb-guhp-apd**
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The Exploris School Board Monthly meeting will be held virtually only. Please use the information below to join the Zoom call. Participants are asked to use their full names on their screen when signing in.

Topic: The Exploris School Board Month Meeting June 2022
Time: June 23, 2022 3:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Directors Present
A. Rodriguez, D. Deaton, E. Buchan, E. Grunden, J. Hwang, L. Friedman, R. Boyce, S. Darroch, T. Kingsberry

Directors Absent
M. Townley

Ex Officio Members Present
C. Greer-Banks, D. Brown, E. Burton, J. Corbat

Guests Present
Stacey Carothers

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 Thursday Jul 28, 2022 at 4:36 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Hwang made a motion to approve the minutes from The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 06-23-22.
T. Kingsberry seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Public Comment

S. Darroch opened the session to public comment.

Karen Barlow from Wake County provided a comment on the school's management structure and personnel decisions.

II. Meeting Items

A. Directors Report

D. Brown and E. Burton presented the Leadership Team Report. Key discussion items included:

- An overview of enrollment figures by grade with a total of 443 enrolled
- The elimination of Board approval for masking polices per the NC Office of Charter Schools
- An overview of summer work relative to parent engagement and Title 1 review, MTSS review and scheduling recommendations, a reorganization of the student services team, and a new school lunch provider
- A recap of summer learning initiatives including ES Read to Achieve Summer Camp, Kindergarten Readiness Camp, and 6th grade readiness camp
- An overview of summer leadership team work inclusive of grant applications and maintenance, administrative needs, professional development, and community engagement work
- Personnel changes
- New Hires: Denise Ziemak, Jacquie Wainwright, ZanDrea Fleeton

T. Kingsberry made a motion to approve all new hires.
J. Hwang seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
A. Rodriguez made a motion to remove the masking policy vote from the agenda until further notice.
J. Hwang seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
R. Boyce made a motion to accept the management report as provided.
T. Kingsberry seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Finance Report

K. Morgan provided an overview of the school's financial statements.

C. Board Business

S. Darroch welcomed Stacey Carothers to the Board.

The Board also discussed the size and composition of the Board and whether new members would be needed in light of recent resignations.

A. Rodriguez made a motion to accept the resignations of Andrew Cioffi and Melissa West from the Board of Directors and not fill the remaining vacant Board seat.
T. Kingsberry seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
R. Boyce made a motion to approve the Board meeting calendar.
T. Kingsberry seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
The Board held a discussion on officer positions and nominated the following individuals:

- Steven Darroch - Chair
- Leah Friedman - Vice Chair
- Alannah Rodriguez - Treasurer
- Eric Grunden - Secretary

R. Boyce made a motion to accept nominations for Board officers.
J. Hwang seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
The group discussed the creation of a Director Feedback and Support Committee to provide more coaching, guidance, and development for the leadership team.
T. Kingsberry made a motion to create the Director Feedback and Support Committee.
A. Rodriguez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
The Board also discussed tentative dates for an upcoming Board retreat.

III. Committee Reports

A. Governance

D. Brown provided details around updates to the school's policy manual and handbook. These updates should be available for Board review by the next meeting.

B. Educational Excellence

E. Burton provided a recap of changes to the School Improvement Plan.
A. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plan.
D. Deaton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
T. Kingsberry made a motion to move into closed session.
R. Boyce seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Closed Session

A. Facilities & Legal Items

The Board discussed its real estate options and a personnel item. No decisions were made relative to the real estate discussion.
J. Hwang made a motion to made a motion to exit closed session.
T. Kingsberry 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 6:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Darroch