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The Exploris School

Minutes

The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday September 28, 2023 at 4:30 PM

Location
The Exploris School: Elementary Campus
17 S Swain St, Raleigh, NC 27601, USA
5th Grade Classroom

Directors Present
A. Rodriguez, D. Deaton, D. Hencher, E. Buchan, M. Townley, P. President (remote), S. Darroch, T. Void (remote)

Directors Absent
E. Grunden, R. Boyce

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

Guests Present
K. Morgan (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

M. Townley made a motion to approve the minutes from August meeting The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 08-24-23.
D. Hencher seconded the motion.
Accept minutes with no changes
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order by Stephen at 4:32 PM

C. Approve Minutes

D. Public Comment

No public comments

E. Board Development: Legislative Updates

II. Committee Reports

A. Governance

Deborah summarized the "Parents Bill of Rights" and indicated that 80-90% of the bill requirements are things we are already doing at Exploris. A suggestion was to create a separate tab on the website dedicated to the bill requirements so parents can easily see and understand how Exploris is meeting said requirements. Deborah mentioned how parents can challenge educational materials under this legislation, but the school can simply accept the protest and not necessarily make any subsequent changes. The bill does prohibit "teaching" sexuality in class as a specific focus - but it is not intended to be a "muzzle" and teachers can have these types of discussions. The bill does not seem to have formal punishments for non-compliant schools. This may require some minor revisions to various school handbooks.

Deborah also mentioned the changes to Title 9 will be coming in the near future.

Steve introduced Geoffrey Bayo who is a CPA.

B. Finance

Koren indicated the State of NC approved budget and Governor will not veto, which means the Exploris budget can be developed. Josh thanked the committee members for the work they did with filing Federal and State grants. Steven asked about the projected surplus (~2.0%), Koren indicated it may fall below 2% month to month, but we are trending to hitting the 2.0%.
A. Rodriguez made a motion to accept report.
D. Deaton seconded the motion.
report was accepted

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

C. Educational Excellence

Eric was not present, so Ethan summarized submitted report - including what data we need to compile and how to share this with the public and parents.

D. Director Evaluation & Support

Steven indicated we need another board member to help with the director reviews. Stacey Carothers said she could help with the reviews.

E. Facilities

Josh said he has developed an update video but it may be too long (~19 minutes) and he will work to create a truncated version. Josh indicated Rosewood has made good progress in working through the 2 main issues with the Kindly Street property (traffic queuing and stormwater). We are confident the stormwater issue will be resolved with the COR. Regarding the traffic issue, we will need to submit a traffic impact analysis, which hopefully will receive approval from COR. It is anticipated we have a resolution on Kindly Street one way or the other within 1.5 months. Another potential site is being concurrently vetted.

We need to assign a board member to chair the committee.

F. Kaizen

Daniel indicated this committee has met twice in September. They have reviewed the school improvement plan for any potential updates.

III. Meeting Items

A. Directors Report

Deborah stated that Cori will be named NC History Teacher of the Year. A move was made by Mark and seconded by Allannah to formally recognize Cori for her award.

Deborah indicated that middle school behavior has been difficult, unlike the first 6-7 weeks of school. It is not clear why there have been so many referral and discipline issues in middle school. Ethan mentioned there is a new column in the discipline report which differentiates a major referral and how it was resolved.

Deborah discussed the "school report card" result which was a "C". Overall, we were close to getting a "B", but it should be noted the structure of the rating isn't necessarily reflective of how a given school is functioning and may need to be modified.

Josh indicated that Madison Stevens will be named the before & after coordinator.
Alannah made a motion to accept the change in position, it was seconded by Daniel.
Accepted by the board.

B. Board Business

IV. Closed Session

A. Facilities & Legal Items

A. Rodriguez made a motion to move into closed session.
D. Deaton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

D. Deaton made a motion to adjourn meeting.
The board **VOTED** unanimously 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 6:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Buchan