APPROVED

The Exploris School

Minutes

The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday September 26, 2024 at 4:30 PM

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

Directors Present
E. Buchan, E. Grunden, G. Bayo, P. President, R. Boyce, S. Darroch, S. Scipione, W. McLamb

Directors Absent
T. Void

Ex Officio Members Present
D. Brown, E. Burton, J. Corbat

Guests Present
K. Morgan

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 Sep 26, 2024 at 4:42 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

E. Grunden made a motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 08-22-24.
R. Boyce seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Public Comment

No public comments submitted or made.

E. Board Development: Updates from Rosewood Strategies

Rosewood provided updates on various facility location options:
- Recommended submitting a letter of intent to NC-SECU to allow for further exploration of the location on Hillsborough St.

- Rosewood continues to work with City staff regarding a traffic study, building height restrictions and permitting issues. Also discussed potential loan options and details.

II. Committee Reports

A. Governance

Deborah provided update: continued work on the school handbook; SB49 report submitted to NC.
S. Darroch made a motion to Thank Ryan for his work on the board.
E. Grunden seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Finance

Koren provided up on budget and indicated audit draft will be available on Oct 15. Will also mentioned we will investigate the idea of moving money out of certain checking account into money market accounts to potentially earn more interest.
E. Grunden made a motion to Accept finance report.
E. Buchan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Educational Excellence

Eric provided the update and indicated the group will review potential changes to core instruction and how we can further help teachers with instructional goals. Ethan

mentioned new free tool from NC which can provide additional testing data and insights.

D. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Steven highlighted that this group has not been formed yet.

E. Director Evaluation & Support

Steven indicated he still reviewing the review data and will provide an update at the next meeting.

F. Facilities

Josh indicated most of the update was covered by the Rosewood presentation. He also mentioned we need to start making progress with fund raising in light of the impending facility needs. The development of Capital Campaign marketing materials.

G. Kaizen

Shawna indicated the Kaizen group met on 9/25 and mentioned a DEI statement will be developed and presented during the December meeting.

III. Meeting Items

A. Directors Report

Deborah mentioned we are fully staffed now. Josh thanked the teaching staff for taking additional students into their crews. Currently we are now only 2 places below our student population goal. Ethan mentioned the 7th and 8th grade math teams showing excellent growth in test performance. Ethan also reminded the board the Fall Festival is on October 25th.
E. Grunden made a motion to Accept new 6th grade teacher and a long term elementary substitute teacher and a new EC teacher.
R. Boyce seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Board Business

Discussed board retreat scheduling.

Will mentioned the need to update board member info and conflict interest forms.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

E. Buchan 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 5:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Buchan