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The Exploris School

Minutes

The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday January 23, 2025 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 (remote), E. Grunden (remote), P. President (remote), S. Darroch (remote), S. Scipione (remote), W. McLamb (remote)

Directors Absent
G. Bayo, T. Void

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

Guests Present
K. Morgan (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

C. Approve Minutes

E. Grunden made a motion to approve the minutes from 12-19-2024 The Exploris School Board Regular Monthly Meeting on 12-19-24.
E. Buchan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
1/23/2023 agenda was initially available due to a temporary outage with Board on Track. The outage was resolved at approximately 4:50 PM.

D. Public Comment

No public comment

E. Board Development: Audit Presentation

Amanda Habich with TJT auditing provided a financial audit of the school and the report indicated Exploris continues to meet all fiduciary requirements and metrics associated with a well-run charter school.

F. Board Development: Rosewood Facility Project Update

Autumn Tomlin with Rosewood provided an update on the Kindley St location. Conversations with City of Raleigh development review staff continue to progress in terms of building height limits, TIA and stormwater systems.

Autumn also provided an update on the 801 Hillsborough St property, which included various building layout options, TIA and potential funding arrangements.

Autumn provided numerous financing options for both locations. Susan Singer requested a comparative budget sheet between the various finance options.

II. Committee Reports

A. Governance

Deb indicated the committee will meet next Tuesday. They are reviewing handbooks and policies, as well as any new State and Federal regulations that may impact public schools.

B. Finance

Koren provided the update and indicated the EOY budget projections continue to change and an update will be provided in March. She also mentioned they are gathering tax information for the annual 990 form. William indicated a surplus will be shown by the March meeting based on current information.

C.

Educational Excellence

Ethan mentioned academic performance data is coming in and the mid-year report will be compiled in February and available for the March meeting.

D. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Deborah provided the update. Steven asked if impending changes at the Federal level would have impacts on Exploris. Deborah indicated it was not clear at this point but Exploris would be compliant.

E. Director Evaluation & Support

Steven indicated there are plans to meet with the Directors and provide an update.

F. Facilities

Josh provided an update and indicated recent facility workdays were held. Most facility upgrades have been aesthetic in nature. Have focused keeping ice clear of walkways around both facilities. Susan and Josh spoke about communicating our funds are used at the school.

G. Kaizen

Shawna indicated no meeting was held last month. Discussed some considerations about frequency of meetings and how to fairly divide the work.

III. Meeting Items

A. Directors Report

Deborah indicated most of the items were previously covered in the meeting. Ethan mentioned an audit which occurs every 6 years occurred and provided favorable feedback. It is also an important step towards charter school renewal. Steven asked about current lottery applications - we are slightly lower compared this time last year. Josh and Koren discussed several ideas about improving interest in the school.

B. Board Business

Voted on upcoming school calendar with the caveat that a teacher workday should be Oct 6th rather than October 13th.
E. Grunden made a motion to Accept the proposed school calendar.
W. McLamb seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. 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 6:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Buchan