

THE EXPLORATION ACADEMY
 GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
 DATE: 7/11/17
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

x	Paul Driftmier - GC President	x	Dawn Van Hook - GC VP
x	Steve Heuer - GC Treasurer	x	Cathy Driftmier - GC/Parent
	Mona Cassis - GC/Parent	x	Chad Welty - GC/Staff
x	Kathy Erickson - GC/Parent	x	Lesley Morrison - GC/Staff
x	Pheng Lee - Director		Judi Quinton - Parent

Parent:

Students:

- I. Paul called to start meeting at 6:00pm

There are three parents and one student in attendance.

Paul began session explaining about the two pathways.

Pathway A - renew charter and continue as a charter.

Pathway B is to renew charter for 3 years, and then phase in as a program after that. Students coming in as Freshmen during the 17-18 school year will graduate as EA Charter High School. Students coming in during the 18-19 school year will graduate through the EA program but as a VAHS student.

Both pathways will require EA to renew the charter.

2017-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Pathway A: Renew Charter for 5 years	Charter	Charter	Charter	Charter	Charter
Pathway B: Revised Plan	Charter	Charter	Charter	Program	Program

Paul talked about pathway B giving more access to students. Paul asked the student and he said yes, he would like to be able to take more classes at VAHS.

A parent asked Paul about funding and the grant. Paul explained about the implementation grant that EA received and how that was for the first years of EA. There is no more grant money and funding is part of the Governance Council's responsibility.

Steve asked about funding and how that is done. John Fechner said that if you have two classes and one with 19 students and one with 20 students, the one with the 20 students will get more money.

Paul talked about grading and how ACT 55 allows students to meet ½ graduation requirements through competency based and ½ through traditional means. However, we can ask DPI for a waiver to allow students in the program to meet graduation requirements 100% through competency based.

Steve asked what happens hypothetically - if the number of applicants reduce each year if parents see that EA is going into a program. Cathy responded that EA site council/Governance Council is responsible for marketing and providing information to parents. Paul talked about how that was their feeling when they first started the school years back.

A parent talked about how counselors can be a resource for EA and providing information for students that the project based learning is available.

II. Adjournment

Paul called to adjourn at 7:00pm.