

**THE EXPLORATION ACADEMY
SITE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday December 10, 2013
K-153**

Attendance: Paul Driftmeir, Cathy Driftmeir, Laurie Everitt, Carleen Pederson, Mike Murphy, Chad Welty, Kate Sebastian, Alexa Butzbaugh

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:08

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

-None

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BRIEF AGENDA ITEMS

A. Calendar/Contact Update and future meeting dates:

-January 14th - EA Site Council Meeting

B. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes

-Addendum to minutes Community Open House Date has moved.

It will be announced when we have a firm date

-Minutes Approved

IV. Exploration Academy Administrator's Report

A. Budget Review

-Mike distributed a handout review the projected expenses. It shows current spending up to this point and projections for the rest of the cycle, which ends July 31st.

-During discussion Cathy introduced the proposal for furniture. Furniture was discussed regarding options for chairs, tables, and other furniture. It was decided to have chair both with and without arms. It was motioned that Cathy could purchase furniture as long as it falls within the presented budget of \$13,590.83, pending more information on the chairs.

-Discussed possible technology purchases, Mike will hold further discussion with the staff to further outline those costs.

B. Enrollment proposal

-Alexa and Mike created a schedule for the future enrollment process for students. Postcards were sent out to all 8th and 9th grade students. According to the charter, student interest and available school resources determine enrollment numbers. They also presented two different enrollment and staffing projections for next year. One proposal is for a projected enrollment of 80 students, the other proposal is for a projected enrollment of 100 students. Discussion was held regarding these two options. Mike also mentioned that our grant would be cut next year to 85% of previous estimates. Paul proposed

and Kate seconded to further pursue the first option regarding enrollment, which projects 80 students. Proposal passed

V. Committee Reports

A. School and Community

Social- Showcase night was a success. Nametags would be a great addition. They are also preparing a business open house. We should think about how to build community connections.

Mentors-None

B. Marketing/Website Management

-None

VI. Issues Discussion/In-Depth

A. Parent Surveys

-Mike shared data from student and parent surveys. We briefly discussed the data.

B. Staff Planning time

Student Schedule

-We would like to create flexibility for students and have time for staff development. How can we reshape the student schedule to create those availabilities? There are many possibilities; one option was using late start Monday differently. Another option would be a four day week every week. Alexa proposed that she and Mike, propose to Dean an alternative yearly calendar.

Budget revision

-Alexa and Mike attended the DPI mandatory reporting conference. One take away from this and conversations with Clarks Street, was the need to have time to create structures, marketing, and connections. One possibility would be to hire a long-term sub to allow for the time for those structures to be established. Kate motioned that we use instruction funds to hire a long-term sub for the rest of this year. Paul seconded. It was passed. We should create clear expectation of how that time should be used.

VII. Old Business

VIII. Items for Future Agenda

IX. Adjournment 8:10