

THE EXPLORATION ACADEMY SITE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday September 24th, 2013

6:00 PM-8:00pm in Exploration Academy

Attendance: Kate Sebastian, Cathy Driftmeir, Carleen Pederson, Chad Welty,
Paul Driftmeir, and Sheila Stenseth

I. CALL TO ORDER

6:05

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BRIEF AGENDA ITEMS

A. Calendar/Contact Update and future meeting dates:

October 8th Site Council Meeting at 6:00

B. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes

Previous meeting minutes correction: Cathy and Carleen will support the school and social committee but not head the committee.

Minutes Approved

IV. Exploration Academy Administrator's Report

Mike was not present for the meeting.

Schedule

- A detailed discussion of future EA events was presented. It included all staff, governance, and parent meetings. More guidance was needed on a few events such as the community open house and parent meetings. Mike need to provide more information on those events. Discussion was held regarding whether we need two site council meetings each month. This conversation was held in combination with the role of each committee. The committees will be
 - Fundraising-This group will identify and explore options of making financial contributions through creative means. Outside monies will support Exploration Academy's goals of developing an atmosphere of learning inside the school, promote group building among the students

- and foster an accessible mentoring community.
- Grant Writing-Once recognized as a non-profit, Exploration Academy would like to find funding outside the school budget to further attain our goals for excellent education. Writing grants is one way to attain funding as this is a cutting edge curriculum.
 - Finance-This group will follow the finances incurred and secured from outside the school budget. Ensure our extra funds are properly balanced and are being used as intended.
 - Social-This group will establish a network of parents to volunteer. Volunteers will be needed to establish a warm community within Exploration Academy as well as in connecting Exploration Academy to our mentoring community. There may need to be walking or driving chaperones, provide appropriate atmosphere for quarterly presentations or group interactions, i.e. provide food, serve, and table set up/take down.
 - School and Community-This group will focus on the establishing, fostering and maintaining a network including local businesses and community specialists to be utilized in mentoring and motivating Exploration Academy students. The students may need guidance/motivation related to their future goals, job shadowing or processing information in regards to an independent project they are working on for school.
 - Website Management-This group will negotiate the transition of the current website, twitter and face book components of communication with the established contracted marketing group (Makin' Hey) to one of independence for Exploration Academy. Once independent, the goal is to keep EA relevant and easily accessible while promoting its mission, calendar events and successes to students, parents, mentors and community.

Each committee will meet as necessary to meet the goals of the committees. With committees regularly meeting it was then discussed if two site council meetings was necessary. Paul proposed and Cathy seconded a proposal to meet only on the second Tuesday of each month for site council. Proposal passed.

Survey of Site Council

- 2 surveys have yet to be complete. Please complete the survey. It is needed for the grant and to plan trainings.

Site Goals

- Site goals were presented to the site council for review. The goals will be presented to the school board in a few weeks.

V. Project Updates

- Marketing–Mike and Alexa
No update
- Webhosting-Alexa
No update
- School Sign-Paul
Paul was going to check into the delay on the Exploration Academy signs.
- Building Committee- Cathy
No new information. Cathy would like to come in some time to discuss additional needs of Exploration Academy.
- Parent information meetings-Laurie
None
- Curriculum- Mike, Chad, Shelia
Overall, we have gotten off to a good start. Staff is stretched pretty thin, we are struggling to find time to make community connections.

VI. Items for Future Agenda

VII. Adjournment

7:30