

**Exploration Academy  
Governance Board Meeting  
February 26th, 2013  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order by Alexa Butzbaugh on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:10 in the K-Wing KITC

Present: Sheila Stenseth, Chad Welty, Paul Driftmier, Cathy Driftmier, Kate Sebastian, Teressa Hall, Alexa Butzbaugh, Mike Murphy and Laurie Everitt

Audience Participation

- None

Announcements and Brief Agenda Item

- Reviewed upcoming calendar events:
  - March 12 and March 26th-Governance meetings combined, next meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - March 7<sup>th</sup>-There is a school visit to Phantom Knights school in De Pere, anyone is welcome to attend
- Previous Meeting Minutes Approved

Exploration Academy Administration Report

- Enrollment Update
  - 48 students are currently enrolled for Exploration Academy. Currently we are not accepting open enrollment students who are not already enrolled in the district. There was some discussion about the precedent we are setting, and what our policy will be for next school year.
- DPI revisions
  - DPI recently contacted Mike in regards to some needed changes in the contract. Most revisions should be simple to make. A few though focus on the control of finances and will need to be discussed with central office.
- Curriculum
  - Staff is regularly meeting to discuss and design school curriculum. Councilors will be meeting with student soon to select classes. They will then be calling parents do confirm selections. The councilors have also decided to all work with Exploration Academy rather than having one councilor work with all Exploration Academy students.
  - Community member are interested in helping mentor Exploration Academy students. We need to create a database of interested community members; at this point no one is able to organize that database. We also need to contact Donna to discuss the TAG program and their community resources.

Liaison and Committee Report

- Marketing committee
  - Alexa spoke to a local marketing expert about ideas for Exploration Academy. The expert made many recommendation including, consistency in branding, more informational meetings, and changes to the website. We discussed consistency in naming and agreed to refer to the school as Exploration Academy.

- Paul looked into signage for the school. We then discussed sign needs including how many and where they are needed.
- Building Committee
  - Mike informed the board that there was a major construction project already planned for this year for the high school. This means we will need to hold off on any major renovations until next year. Cathy is planning to walk through and measure the space Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. But we cannot purchase anything for the space until the phase II money has been released by DPI.

#### Issues Discussions

- 501c3 application
  - Brief discussion of the bylaws and conflict of interest documents. Motion to approve both documents passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20