

**The Exploration Academy
Governance Board Meeting
January 22th, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order by Paul Driftmier on January 22th, 2012 at 6:20 in the K-Wing KITC

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

Audience Participation

- None

Announcements and Brief Agenda Item

- Reviewed upcoming calendar events:
 - January 28th- 9th grade course information fair and EA informational meeting session
 - February 5th- EA Informational Session
 - February 12-EA governance board meeting and EA lottery if necessary. Confirmed the meeting.
 - February 26-28th- One of these days we will be arranging additional school visits.
- Previous Meeting Minutes Approved

Exploration Academy Administration Report

- Mike was not present at the meeting

Liaison and Committee Report

- Marketing committee
 - Sheila presented the website again
 - We want to create a buzz among students, Paul is creating a Facebook page
 - There will be a training on January 30th on the website and future modifications
 - Middle and High School counselor meetings
 - Mike is meeting with the high school counselors tomorrow to make sure they are informed about EA
 - Sheila will be going to the middle schools on January 23rd and 24th to present the EA to all 8th grade students and counselors
 - Presentation Video
 - Paul showed his video presentation. He would like to include some video.

Issues Discussions

- Presentation for informational meeting
 - Discussed the needs of the presentation. Kate mentioned many points that we should address to alleviate parents concerns. Some of those include social concerns, the science and math curriculum, the format of a project and the process, fluidity between schools, college readiness, transportation, teacher certification, student who are not independent learners. Paul felt it was important to mention that we are not the only ones who have done this and that our goal is both career and college readiness. Teresa

thought we should compare the school to VAHS and again discussing the college readiness and acceptance.

- Enrollment/Lottery Process Timeline
 - Reviewed Timeline of events
- Building Renovation
 - Cathy briefly discussed a vision for the design of EA. Further discussions and a walkthrough of the area is needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20