

**Exploration Academy
Governance Board Meeting
March 20th, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order by Alexa Butzbaugh on March 20, 2013 at 6:10 in the K-Wing KITC

Present: Sheila Stenseth, Chad Welty, Paul Driftmier, Teresa Hall, Alexa Butzbaugh, Mike Murphy and Laurie Everitt

Audience Participation

- None

Announcements and Brief Agenda Item

- Reviewed upcoming calendar events:
 - We will continue to hold meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. The next two meetings will be April 9th and April 23rd.
- Previous Meeting Minutes Approved

Exploration Academy Administration Report

- Conference Update: Sheila and Steve are headed to a conference in Boston later this week to discuss competency-based learning. Chad, Deb, Bailey and Mike went to Chicago for the ASCD conference. The entire group of teachers attended the WISN Conference last week. We all saw a variety of sessions and learning opportunities that we can bring back and use in the classroom for students. We also had an opportunity to network with other schools and learn from their experiences. One take away from meeting with Phantom Knights was the potential to require all students be accepted to a post secondary school or the military in order to graduate. Mike's email conversation with Dean and other think this may be a legal issue. We agreed that the application process should be part of the senior graduation process though.
- Charter contract revisions were need and are nearly finished. Most were minimal changes such as naming a person in charge, putting in administration fees, and sending in a signed contract.
- We have nearly used all of our phase I money, phase II will be released soon and can be used for purchases for the school.
- Implementation Grant is due April 15th, Jan Bontz and Mike are working to complete the grant.
- 46 students are currently enrolled for Exploration Academy. 4 applicants have withdrawn and 2 new applications were submitted.
- There is a question whether councilors have set students schedules for next year. Some parents have yet to be contacted. Mike and Pam are working with the councilors to make sure that is done.

Liaison and Committee Report

- Alexa expressed the need to be an active board in order to meet all the needs of the school. It may make more sense to have regular committee meetings once a month and then to report back to governance board, which would meet once a month. We then divided up a to do list into four committees, marketing, curriculum, financial/building, and community networking. We also decided the governance board still needs to meet twice a month.
 - Paul and Alexa will work on the marketing/webhosting committee

- Sheila and Chad will work on the curriculum committee
- Teresa and Laurie will work on the community networking committee
- Cathy will work on the building/financing committee
- Each committee left with tasks to accomplish by our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45