

THE EXPLORATION ACADEMY  
SITE COUNCIL MEETING Minutes  
Tuesday March 11, 2014  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in EA Room

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:06

Attendance: Sheila Stenseth, Kate Sebastian, Alexa Butzbaugh-Patrick, Laurie Everitt, Paul Driftmier, Cathy Driftmier

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BRIEF AGENDA ITEMS

-April 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8p Site Council meeting

- Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes  
Minutes sent out late, tabled for review next meeting

IV. Exploration Academy Administrator's Report

A. Enrollment Update

We currently have 80 students enrolled for next year with 7 or 8 on the waitlist. Mike and Pam agreed on an FTE addition of .8. The process may need to be addressed for future consideration. This does not include Special Education. Mike provided an FTE handout that outline various options for FTE split. Mike reviewed the options and discussed some potential ways that we could allocate the FTE. We discussed how best to use our resources, specifically in math. We also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of full time staff vs part time staff.

B. Long Term Sub

Hired Kelly Jeffery as a long-term sub. She has caught on quickly and has provided some much needed support.

C. Student/Teacher ratio negotiations

Discussed in the enrollment piece.

D. Remodeling Update

No update, should know more by May.

V. Committee Reports

A. School and Community

Nothing to report

B. Social

We have had about 4 people doing the majority of the work. Try and get more people involved. Future events could include welcome parents and students, and another student showcase.

C. Mentors

Nothing to report

D. Building Committee

Nothing to report

E. Purchase update

Nothing to report

F. Marketing/Website Management

Mike has created a blog. Mike and Alexa were trained on using the site.

Alexa will be meeting with students for taking over the website. We are no longer using Makin Hey. We will readdress the issue next year. We can have admin control over the site, students could create information but the admin will have final say over what goes on the site.

J. Website update

See above

VI. Issues Discussion/In-Depth

A. Site council reflection:

-Alexa has called on the 501c3 and it will still be a long time until that is granted. We will have both a site council and a governance board currently we are operating as a primarily a site council. We need to continue to develop and grow our site council. We should continue to have events to build the community. We could look at Governance Council training. It is important to continue to build community connections. We need to have the students be the ambassadors for the school. We need to get more people involved in the schools. Some future events include a Spring Showcase with a reflection from parents on how the year went, what do you need, and what are you willing to commit to do to help the school. We should also have a new student welcome mixer where we look for parent support. Student leadership team will run an EA senior recognition.

VII. Old Business

VIII. Items for Future Agenda

IX. Adjournment: 8:05