

THE EXPLORATION ACADEMY
SITE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 5/22/17

6:15 PM – 8:00 PM

x	Paul Driftmier - President	x	Dawn Van Hook - VP
x	Steve Heuer - Treasurer/Parent		Cathy Driftmier - Parent
x	Mona Cassis - Parent	x	Chad Welty - Staff
x	Kathy Erickson - Parent	x	Lesley Morrison - Staff
x	Pheng Lee - Director	x	Judi Quinton - Parent

Ann Franke - C&I, Marty Fechner (Parent)

Students: Jaleah Price, Sarah Quinton, Leah Van Hook,
Zain Cassis

I. CALL TO ORDER

Paul call to order to start meeting at 6:20 pm.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BRIEF AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes

B. Next meeting

Next meeting is June 9th 2-4 pm.

IV. CELEBRATIONS/POSITIVES

- A. Pheng shared that 4 EA students were recognized at the school board meeting on May 15th.
- B. Chad and Lesley shared how much money students raised during the Penny War. Debrell was one of 3 main speakers at the Kohl Center during an Icebreaker event put together by Madison Chamber of Commerce. Green Screen Kid came and performed for EA. Sarah Quinton and Ms. Morrison met with students regarding a new club starting next year for EA.

V. DIRECTORS REPORT

- A. Math position
 - a. 2 days of interviews last week and hope to do another day of interviews this week.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Fundraising - Paul, Lesley, Mona, Cathy and Kathy
 - a. Pizza Ranch raised over \$300.
 - b. Bratfest is coming up on Memorial weekend.
- B. School Engagement - Mona, Steve, Dawn, Chad and Pheng

- a. Planning for Graduate Celebration is complete and an RSVP will be sent to parents/students.

VII. Discussion/In-Depth

A. Charter Renewal

- a. Pheng presented to site council and governance council two possible pathways. One would be to renew the charter and continue but plans for funding need to be addressed. The other would be to renew with a plan to phase out and become a program.
- b. Supports/concerns were expressed from both sides with continuing as charter and becoming a program.
 - i. Growing project based learning from within as district moves to Personalized Learning. How can project based learning be a part of teachers' practices and be accessible for every student? The gap between VAHS and EA will narrow as district moves towards PL.
 - ii. Funding - we need to look at how to fund for some of the programs that EA uses. Currently, VAHS is paying for some of the programs (Project Foundry, Compass, some staff development). We need to look at how to fund ACHIEVE 3000, ALEKS Math, curriculum for core content, student projects, field trips, general supplies, etc.
 - iii. Steve shared that if the district values project based learning then more funds need to come from district to support PBL. The school has not evolved enough to become a program.
 - iv. Ann shared that Act 55 allows students to meet half of their graduation requirements through portfolio and half through traditional method. Act 55 also gives students flexibility in how they meet half of the graduation requirements through traditional method.
- c. Pheng stressed that the decision on which direction to go is made by Governance Council.
- d. More discussion is needed on the charter renewal. The next step could be to have Governance Council members attend a CIA meeting to discuss with CIA committee.

VIII. Items for next meeting's agenda

1. Data and SMART Goal

IX. Adjournment

Paul call to adjourn at 8:15 pm second.