

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018**

**Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy
551 First Street, Prescott, AZ / Room #110**

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Spreng - MS
Charles Matheus - CM
Sharon Felker - CF
Melissa Wagoner - MW
Tracy Williams - TW
Gina Sparks - GS
Kyle Short - KS
Rose Dixon - RD
Tim Carter - TC

RD - Call to order

RD - Call to public: (No Public)

RD - Call to approve minutes from last meeting.

RD - Motion to approve minutes.

GS - Seconded. Motion approved.

MW - States that it is important for the entire board to receive training, and since we are missing

MW - Motion to reschedule for re-training on November 14th. 4:00 - 8:00 pm.

TC - Overview of what will be reviewed on the training.

TC - Training will be held on November 14th, would be beneficial to review some new information that was received before training a charter school governing board.

MS - Asks: How beneficial is it for the board members to go to the training?

MW - Explains that we will still receive an official training from TC on December 4th, but we need to have all of the members here to help support our unique board.

Board Training:

RD - Since board training is not happening, the board should review the AFR (Annual Financial Report) from last year.

RD - Motion to approve AFR.

GS - Seconds motion.

- Motion passes

Dual Enrollment w/ YC:

MW - Yavapai College Interagency agreement review (Dual enrollment). Last school year there were not enough students to make a section. This year we have a solid class of 12-14 that are only paying \$10.00 per student per credit hour for their English 101/102 courses.

RD - Signs the Yavapai College IGA.

MW - No plans for Pre Calc next semester, no instructor that is certified to teach it and also no students are taking the pre-enrollment class this semester.

Staff: Non Voting Members

MW - Gives clarity on why staff members are not able to be voting members.

GS - Motion to include NCAT update into agenda for each board meeting.

RD - Will include NCAT at the end since it is not on the agenda.

Middle School Update:

TW - Middle School is progressing well through the first quarter, they are coming up on SLC's (Student Led Conferences). Because of their scheduling they will miss spirit week with the high school, may schedule some other kind of events to promote school spirit in place of participating with high school. Staff is still developing their intervention and discipline policies, how to manage the student behavior while staying within school culture and ideals. Some students are feeling the pressure since they can not get away with minor behavioral infractions due to the small school population in the middle school. Staff is attempting to reinforce school culture to be courageous, make good choices, and to "be a Raven". Academics are good so far, staff has implemented some tutoring times for those students who they have identified as not being successful. The growth and development of the staff and students is progressing and the overall status is positive.

RD - Are intensives run the same way as high school? What is available and how are they able to sign up for the classes that they are interested in?

TW - Intensives sign ups are run the same way as for specials. Specials are run per quarter, and the students are able to sign up for what they are most interested in. Intensive scheduling will be run during the same week as spirit week for high school, but only 2 hours in the afternoon for each day. Staff is still coming up with the courses that they will offer. There is a newsletter that highlights upcoming specials and intensives.

GS - Asks for an explanation of what intensives are for the MS.

TW - While they are different from the HS, the general idea is that the staff would be able to come up with a topic that they would like to teach that is outside of the normal topics that they teach.

TW - FW Fridays have been going well, want to work with TEI in the future.

High School Update:

MW - End of first quarter is where reality hits for a lot of students. The population has lost 6 students in the past few weeks, but is not of concern since we are well over our numbers. Most of them left due to academic stress, and the realization that they were not succeeding. Almost at the end of first quarter, SLC's are scheduled for the end of this week. Fieldwork is coming up for 9/12 and 10/11 grades the two weeks after Fall Break. MW just received a training on AdvancedEd, feeling better about the upcoming review for our own school. 98/168 students have not received a single CCV for the first quarter, which is very positive and they all received a dress down day for this coming Thursday, 10/4/18.

NCAT Update:

GS - Lots of things happening with the group. Much more activity and enthusiasm this year as compared to last year. Both of the fundraisers, Panera and Baskin Robbins were a success and actually raises funds. NCAT is still asking themselves how they can help best, supporting teachers or students. The website is almost done, there are currently 7 members that are helping both MS & HS.

KS - Gina Sparks could come in and discuss how NCAT could help support the staff on Fridays when all the staff members are present in one room.

MW - November 9th at 2:30 pm could be a possible date.

Middle School Schedule Change:

GS - The schedule change for the middle school from Wednesday half day to Friday half day was very sudden, and wasn't well communicated to parents. More discussion or advanced notice would be beneficial in the future.

RD - Some decisions come from top down, but agrees that there could have been more notice could have been given.

TW - Main reason for the change was transportation and the economics involved. Some students are still being accommodated for the change in schedule, but the goal is to make the middle school and high school run as smoothly as possible together. The goal was not to inconvenience any families, but rather to keep things running well.

CM - Extreme transparency can take the place of democracy and inclusivity for all stakeholders.

RD - Next meeting is Tuesday, November 6th (Election Day)

CM - Will be absent next meeting.

RD - Meeting adjourned (5:58)