

Governing Board Minutes
March 3rd, 2020

Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy
551 First Street, Prescott, AZ
Room 111 at 5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 5:05

RD - Not Available

GS - Present by phone

DC - Present

ZK - Present

MB - Present

MW - Present

SF - Present

KS - Not Available

SG - Not present

2. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

WG - Wendy Gregory for Germany Report

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Consider approving minutes for January 13th, 2020 or with corrections as needed.

Motion to approve - DC Seconded - MB All unanimously in favor.

4. PRESENTATION:

A. Germany International Exchange - by Robert Zinni and Wendy Gregory

Sharing the Germany plans. Melissa share that this has been her baby but she has released it to WG and RZ so its been exciting to see its progress. RZ is at another meeting and hes out there networking so WG will present the trip. WG (Document) ESS Coordinator, we will be leaving May 1st and returning on May 19th. A little shorter than usual but 2 ½ weeks in Frankfurt with students staying in their exchange homes w/other students & families. Then we will ALL go to Berlin and will be staying in a Hostel. We will have a fully guided tour and will be visiting one of the concentration camps. etc.

MB asked if it is just for Juniors or of if all students are able to go. WG - We have 18 students who will be going this year. One Sophomore, several Junioes and a couple of Seniors. Really if you are able to keep grades up and without discipline or behavior issues, you are able to apply. We also hope that our students will host a family the year or two before, if at all possible. In ref to any concerns that may come up ... RZ and I are registering with the Embassy. The priority is to make sure we are in contact so if there is any quarantine that we are very aware of

this and make changes accordingly. Right now we are planning a go unless borders close. Claudia shared that COVID-19 is not a HUGE deal in Germany, as of yet. But, she will keep us posted. This is also why we will keep in close contact with the Embassy, they will be giving us weekly updates and we really hope that we can go. Safety first, of course..

5. DISCUSSION & APPROVAL:

- A. YCESA Amended Contract for ESS Services - signed and agreed.

6. INITIAL REVIEW

- A. Calendar 2020-2021 - Do we want one combined calendar or two separate calendars? And is it possible that the MS could go to a 4 day week. With some changes in hours we were able to reduce the MS to 4 days a week.

- B. So we are asking if you'd like 1 or 2 calendars. ZK feels like 2 are more clear and that combined is very confusing. DC - seconded on this that she prefers 2, as well. MW if this is overly complicated More info than I need to sort through.

MW- Do we think that the shortened week with longer days will work out well? Fieldwork will be changed to one week during Oct and one week during March. There will be no overnights.. Friday School will be optional.

Friday FW takes a decent amount of planning but has been woefully unattended that can't really be made up. Staff also feels that once a month is disconnected. We would still like to see service work and service within crews. GS shared that service in crew would be a great idea.

MW then suggested that we have some break out sessions going forward. With thought of small groups working on the Handbook, Calendar, Budget as a whole or committee work that we then bring back for approval. Or, MW asked if it would feel better to do this as a whole. GS - shared that whatever is most helpful to MW - she is on board to do. The drawback is (in sessions) this may take more time - the plus is that you all can take this burden from MW. MB and DC shared that they are not feeling real comfortable with the break out sessions and MW agreed that we will keep things how they are for now.

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORT

- A. School Report - MW, there are germs everywhere!! CV is real and we are just hearing from the state what to do about it. Right now we are not doing too much different... I am keeping current on news and aware - I will bring it to the table next month or sooner if needed. As a board we will let the state of Arizona lead us - our plan right now is not to shut down but we will follow the state. MW shared that she has sent a couple of reminders on staying home if w/fever or feeling sick as well as with hygiene in general but she will send another.

Our purchase of the building is complete. All went through without too much issue. Sharon and I have been going through the finances and we are not in a crisis in anyway. We do have more than we are required reserve at this time, and we are happy with where we are - feels a little magical, actually.

DC - it must feel really nice. MW - It truly does depend on our attendance. We are looking forward to next year and working on this budget. We hope that the funding will be given and we will be able to increase teachers 5%. This is a bit frustrating to some that are not in that percent but we will look into this and are glad that the Teachers will get what they have been promised in funds..

We are also hearing about a possible \$200 increase per ESS student but we wont know this until the budget is provided. Without having this budget just yet we will most likely write a Letter of intent to instructors this month. Our hope is to have 195 - 200 for next SY and this is what we will budet with. DC asked what our current numbers are and then agreed that this all seems pretty reasonable. MW shared that we have a ton of applications coming in - we are not accepting any at this point. Because to come in now is really to late. Possibly they could come in w/HS during Intensives if they want to0 change at the point - Not really encouraged but possible. Our current count is 199, which is about where we started this year. Historically we are maintaining about average. We budget carefully allowing room for turnover. We hope this doesnt happen but want to be prepared either way.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

April 7th, 2020 - 5:00 PM Regular Board Meeting – NELA Campus Rm. 111

7. ADJOURNMENT 6:05