



## **NORTHPOINT EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting held at Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy in Room 111.

**April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Andrew Newton called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

The following board members were present: Andrew Newton, Rosemary Dixon, Charles Matheus and Kim Belli via telephone. Also present is Northpoint Director Charles Mentken and Northpoint Business Manager Sharon Felker. Northpoint Student Representative Sierra Cottle was not present for tonight's meeting.

A call to the public was made: No public present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Approval of Board Minutes for March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board Meeting were motioned for approval by Rosemary Dixon seconded by Andrew Newton.

### **STUDY & VOTING SESSION**

- A. Conversation with PUSD – The Future of Northpoint  
Northpoint was recently contacted once again by the District for people to come see the facility. We do not have details really but later it was shared that they were looking for a school site to purchase. Should this site sell, Northpoint would not have anywhere to go. This becomes a bit stressful or pressing to our school. We have presented the District with a long term lease suggestion, we continue to discuss and negotiate options for Northpoint to be able to stay. A meeting is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss long term options if any. We have also optioned to go back under the umbrella of the district, there will be further discussion of this on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Kim Belli suggested maybe the District could carry our loan should Northpoint be able to finance this facility. We continue to discuss and review possibilities with our bank (and others).

### **Financial Reports / Review**

- A. 2016-2017 School Budget Review: As long as our numbers stay the same our overall budget looks pretty good. We continue to put money away each month. Annual

increases for staff and site lease will increase as well as the other normal increases have been projected into the budget. Northpoint is aware that at some point we may need to freeze increases annually. We are hoping for Prop 123 to pass as this will help us a little overall with expenses.

### **Informational Reports:**

- A. Enrollment Status Report: Were maintaining at 172 students. At this time in any school year we have not seen numbers this high, so this is a very good thing. We have seen a good turnout for our Info Sessions and already have approx. 30 Freshmen signed up for next school year. Mostly coming from Skyview and Mtn Oak, we are happy to see this number growing. We continue to look at ways to encourage the students into college and make them aware of Scholarship opportunities out there for them. It seems to be that the students feel the pressure from “home” that work is needed and College is too costly.
- B. AZ Merit Testing Update: Started today. This testing will take two weeks. We have done all that we can to prepare students as well as have provided them a lot more resources to prep with this year.
- C. Spring Semester Fieldwork: Seniors stayed local to study addiction in our community and overall. Juniors went to Phoenix. Sophomores went to Tucson to continue education on immigration. Freshmen went to the Verde to continue studies on water. Overall report seems that all went well and the students were excited and engaged.
- D. Staff Changes: Buzz Nichols was not offered a new contract for the 16-17 school year. Melissa Wagoner will be stepping into the roll of FULL IG this year. She has been doing a lot of IG things but was also needed for our ENG 101. We have hired a teacher that will be able to relieve Melissa from this responsibility. Jeff Woods will be signing on as our new ENG Teacher. Robbie Smith has resigned as Art Teacher, we have Jen Chandler filling in for the remainder of this school year and Elynn Colaianni has signed her work agreement to return as Art Teacher for the new school year. We are looking forward to bringing Alec Belli on as a Math Teacher next year. Northpoint added a third Math Teacher for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of the 15-16 SY. We look forward to keeping a third Math Teacher on staff to support our students in one of our more challenged subjects. We have word that Marco Renzi and Morgan LaBine will be leaving this year. We have some possibilities in mind for these two positions.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Andrew Newton adjourned the meeting at 6:20

### **FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

- May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 – Board Meeting