



NORTHPOINT EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy in Room 111.

January 10th, 2017

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

The following board members were present: Andrew Newton, Charles Matheus, Kim Belli and Rosemary Dixon. Northpoint Director Charles Mentken and Northpoint Business Manager Sharon Felker were also present.

A call to the public was made, with no public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes for December 6th, 2016. Kim Belli motioned for approval and this motion was seconded by Rosemary Dixon, minutes approved and accepted.

STUDY AND VOTING SESSION

- A. Discuss and Sign LOI with Ironline Development: Lease to be the same for this current year. Then lease will increase to \$13k for 2 years. We hope that we will still be able to put funds away for maintenance, upkeep and services on the building as needed. We have contacts in place to help Tony learn HVAC as well as Locksmith. We will have access and use of the full site as of Feb 1.
- B. Discuss financial costs of site improvements: Northpoint is responsible for all upkeep and repairs needed on the building.
- C. Discuss Middle School progress: Staff seems interested but time is short and limited for them to assist. We hope that La Tierra will share their documents from a previous approval for a middle school. This would help us to produce our plans more timely. We have seen an interest from parents and families to bring younger siblings here if we had a 7th/8th to offer them. Our hope is that this would help Northpoint High School sustain its numbers as well as prepare the younger students with support in academics and the transition into HS. We have some teachers interested in helping us with the paperwork and teaching at the new school when we are ready. School Board was asked for permission to spend approx. \$1200 to work on this paperwork and all that is needed. It is our hope that we could open the Middle School with the 17-18 SY. Charles Mentken is requesting \$5-\$7k to upgrade the phone system. This would include new speakers to all classrooms. A second request for \$17-\$20k for fiber and server, this would be a

complete overhaul and re do of our current fiber and internet. (Upgrade costs would include the new back bldg. addition as well). Lighting upgraded throughout the building would be approx. \$25k. However, the savings from the new lights should pay for the costs to install within a matter of a few years. The board gave the approval for \$50-\$55k to be spent on these upgrades.

REVIEW FINANCIALS

- A.** Review cash flow report: Reviewed with no concerns noted. Finances available in “savings” for the upgrades as noted above.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- A.** Enrollment Update: We have seen a decrease in students. Leaving for many different reasons. We do expect to lose a couple more but we also have about 9 students inline to start next semester. Our hope is to hold our count at at least 170 to 175. Current count is 176.
- B.** Second Semester Update: Intensives start tomorrow. Winter Wilderness went very well, no issues. Lots of hikes and skits overall energy was positive and successful. Changes were made due to weather but all seemed to adjust well. Intensives are set – Science, Cars, Biomimicry, Dreams, Film making, Matrix and outdoor biking, all seems positive and ready to start.
- C.** Principal Evaluation Update: Tim Carter has contacted Nancy Alexander to conduct this evaluation. She does evaluations all over the state.
- D.** Board Member Requirements: For the Board to decide on the development and or recruiting. Should not be any conflicts of interest. It has been a bit challenging to find parents, staff, outsiders that are committed to help or that have the time. This has shown true for NCAT as well. Kim has let us know that she will be leaving the Board(s) in May.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Newton adjourned the meeting at 5:45

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- o February 7th, 2016 – 5:00 PM Board Meeting – NELA Campus Rm. #111
- o March 7th, 2016 - 5:00 PM Board Meeting – NELA Campus Rm. #111