



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

Meeting held at Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy in Room 111.

November 2nd, 2015

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

The following board members were present: Andrew Newton in person, Kim Belli and Charles Matheus via phone. Rosemary Dixon was unable to attend this months meeting.. Also present is Northpoint Director Charles Mentken, Business Manager Sharon Felker. Student Representatives Sierra Cottle was not present at tonights meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Board Minutes for September 14th were motioned by Andrew Newton and seconded by Kim Belli.

STUDY & VOTING SESSION

- A. New Orleans presentation: Mr DeVries was unable to attend but Kim and Charles had info to share this subject for review and voting. Seniors would like to go to New Orleans for the Jan Intensive. This will be for service work and exploring areas and knowledge of poverty in our environment. The students will be staying at St Jude Catholic Church and will have three staff members with them. This will be 8 days and 7 nights total. Students will be back in time to present their final projects for Expo. Charles Matheus motioned to approve this trip and Kim Belli seconded this motion. Approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS/REVIEW/APPROVE:

- A. Review and Sign the AFR. We had this signed but needed to have it presented at the Board Meeting as well. A special meeting was called last month and although we were able to get all signatures we did not have a quorum present to have the meeting.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Status Report: Our current student count is 170. We do have a 5/8 students struggling and in need of raising grades. Demands seems challenging for them.
- B. School Operations Report: Fieldwork was all done within the same week this year. A lot of planning but it seemed to go well. Freshman went to Flagstaff, Sophomores went to Phoenix, Juniors went to Las Vegas and the Seniors stayed local. No major issues and the over all rapport back from parents and students seemed positive..
- C. Northpoint's Poverty Initiative: NCAT has been in session and two parents have stepped up as officers for this group. A strong focus on how NCAT can support the students needs and common parent needs. We have had our first parent circle with our school Counselor Beth Dunn. We hope to be able to offer this meeting once a month for parent support. Second we hope to address the hungry student issues we see daily. Third a closing closet has been started for kids to be able to come and get shoes, jackets jeans and so fourth. Looking forward to reaching out and touching out students and their families with strong support available if wanted.
- D. AZ Merit Update: Test scores were sent out to parents. Our scores were higher than average but still low. This was the first time this test has been given and we are aware of changes with common core that could rule out this test going forward. In the meantime we will do our best to help and prepare students for this testing. These scores will create our school grade. We have also added two math tutors available after school Mon- Thur to help our students with their Math as this continues to be a challenge for many students.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Newton adjourned the meeting at 5:40

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- December 7th, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 PM – NELA Room #111
- ***December 17th, 2015 – Celebration of Learning from 5 PM to 7 PM NELA Campus***
- January 4th, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 PM – NELA Room #111
- February 1, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 PM – NELA Room #111
- March 14th, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 PM – NELA Room #111
- April 4th, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 PM – NELA Room #111
- May 2nd, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 PM – NELA Room #111