



NORTHPOINT EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy in Room 111.

October 12th, 2015

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

The following board members were present: Andrew Newton, Rosemary Dixon and Charles Matheus. Kim Belli was available by phone. Also present is Northpoint Director Charles Mentken, Business Manager Sharon Felker and Student Representatives Sierra Cottle.

A call to the public was made: One parent present.

Public Concerns: Parent address their concern with 2 boys threatening the school. Their concern is in reference to a student being brave enough to share this threat and concern, and then feeling scared for their own well being. This is because the students who made the threats had now found out or decided they knew who had spoken up about them. Then it was reported that the “threatening students” were now threatening the student who had spoken up and chose to do the right thing. As well as the issues surrounding confidentiality when a student or staff shares such information, everything should be done to keep the “telling” party anonymous. However, the matters surrounding this issue as mentioned above were not brought directly to Mr. Mentken. Had they of been, then this would’ve of been addressed immediately. This parent was advised to please counsel with Mr. Mentken on this issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Board Minutes for September 14th were motioned by Charles Matheus and seconded by Rosemary Dixon.

STUDY & VOTING SESSION

- A. Changing Graduation Requirements: Thoughts for changes on a Senior who would like to Graduate early, could they possibly go online and complete what is needed making it possible for them to graduate early. Would we be able to do a case by case alterations as needed. If we did this we would need a clear write up of how this would work. Another suggestion for possibly 2 tracks for the Senior class, or possible changes to crew and the

concerns with possible loss of funds with changes made. If we had another track for them or possibly some kind of alternative service component. Hopes for further discussion on this in the near future.

FINANCIAL REPORTS/REVIEW/APPROVE:

- A. Review September Profit and Loss: We are in great shape overall, no debt and we continue to put away \$5,000 to \$7500 a month into our money market account. Our count is steady at 170/169 were a bit concerned but hoping we can keep this number. The budget is set at 165 so we are still in good shape there.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Status Report: Our current student count is 169. We hope we will not see it drop under 165 but we have had a few students come and go for a number of different reasons.
- B. School Operations Report: All is well. We continue to look at our Math and the requirements being demanded on the state level.
- C. Staff Update: Alison Zych is learning and doing well in her new position. Jen Chandler is our new Activities Coordinator and she is working close with Alison to learn all that is needed. All seems to be going very well. Were just getting ready for fieldwork, this will be the 1st year that we will have all classes out at the same time. This has been a bit challenging but it has come together very well with the help of Mrs. Wagoner and the rest of our staff. Wendy our school designer was here recent and she seemed very impressed with out new staff and the staff team as a whole.
- D. Student Behavioral Concerns: We have had two students leave recent with a couple more ready to go. This is with the families and staff realizing that the students were not meeting the expectation and needs required by the school. Mostly the 9th graders struggling with the challenges of keeping up in the classroom. Students who are not engaged will act out, disruptive to others and so forth. This has been a bit challenging but we are doing our best to work with it and meet the needs of our students.
- E. Fieldwork Update: We are just getting ready for fieldwork.
- F. New Building Update: We are realizing that this is a real challenge. Our rent would potentially triple and that is not something we can carry at this time. So we continue to look at what we can do here to maintain and continue successfully.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Newton adjourned the meeting at 6:00

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- November 2nd, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 PM – NELA Room #111
- 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