



NORTHPOINT EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy in Room 111.

January 4th, 2016

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

The following board members were present: Andrew Newton, Charles Matheus and Rosemary Dixon. Also present is Northpoint Director Charles Mentken, Business Manager Sharon Felker. Board Member Kim Belli and Student Representatives Sierra Cottle was not present for tonights meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Board Minutes for November 2nd, 2015 Board Meeting were motioned for approval by Charles Matheus and Rosemary Dixon seconded this motion. Our December 7th, Board Meeting was cancelled as we did not have a quorum.

STUDY & VOTING SESSION

- A. Purchase of the Dexter Site (Not for voting): If the building sales then we will not have anywhere to go. We would like to talk to PUSD about a long term least and or a lease to purchase. Our hope is that this will allow us FULL ACCESS to the front and back building. Should they give us this opportunity we could then address better lighting, windows and other possible repairs on the facility. Northpoint would hope to make some needed repairs and work on better efficiency overall. We are aware that the rent will go up and we hope to work with them on this.

FINANCIAL REPORTS/REVIEW/APPROVE:

- A. Review and Sign the Budget. We had this signed but needed to have it adjusted to meet the MOE. 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 on Nov or Dec. Signed and Approved as of tonights meeting.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A. Enrollment Status Report: Our current student count is about 170. We lost about 5 but gained about 8. Always looking for ways to meet the needs and challenges of our students.
- B. Hiring a new Math Teacher: We have hired Mr. David Valley. He is very qualified and ready to get started. We hope this will bring down class sizes so that we can focus in on student needs. Changes with AZ Merit and other state testing has heightened our concerns and overall need to make sure that the students are ready and prepared for upcoming tests, etc.
- C. Teacher FMLA Status: Mr. Smith has taken FMLA for surgery on his foot. We have brought Jen Chandler in as a long term sub through this time. We have hired another person (Mr. Dustin Bellows) to take care of activities and passage while Jen is helping us with Art Instruction. Mr. Smith will have 12 weeks of absence – possible 13 weeks as his returning week will be fieldwork. Because of this some additional accommodations may need to be addressed and considered.
- D. AZ Merit Update: With our new staff member we hope to reduce class sizes. New resources and focused training to help the students feel more secure and prepared for their upcoming testing.
- E. Vandalism – Van windshields: 8 vans were vandalized, bringing our school into the spotlight of the Prescott Daily Courier. Unsettling to have this kind of thing happen we are doing what we can to lock gates and keep the buildings as secure as possible.
- F. Winter Gathering: Is underway students are tired but seem to be having lots of fun. Breakfast has been provided with hikes and teams will be presenting skits.
- G. Intensives: Will begin on Wednesday. Lots of great intensives planned out.
- H. PMP has been submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Newton adjourned the meeting at 5:50

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- February 1, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 PM – NELA Room #111 – POSTPONED – SNOW DAY
- February 8, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 PM -
- 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