



NORTHPOINT EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy in Room 111.

June 6, 2016

Andrew Newton called the meeting to order at 4:59 PM

The following board members were present: Andrew Newton, Charles Matheus, Rosemary Dixon and Kim Belli via telephone. Also present is Northpoint Director Charles Mentken and Northpoint Business Manager Sharon Felker. Northpoint Student Representative (for consideration): Noah Hawks was available for tonight's meeting. He will submit a letter on interest to the Board, in hopes of becoming our Student Representative.

A call to the public was made, parent Dawn Casey is present for tonight's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Board Minutes for May 2nd, 2016 Board Meeting were motioned for approval by Charles Matheus and seconded by Rosemary Dixon.

STUDY & VOTING SESSION

- A. **16-17 Dexter Site Lease Renewal:** Our lease is the same as it was last year. (\$11,000 a month) New lease will start July 1, 2016 and end on June 30th, 2017. Charles Matheus motioned to approve this lease and this was seconded by Rosemary Dixon. All the board approved.
- B. **Purchasing Dexter Site:** We have been pre qualified for a loan to possibly purchase this site. Northpoint faces the challenge that at anytime this facility could sell and we would need to re locate. However, if we put in an offer or start a bid for this building we are aware of many structural issues that will need to be addressed. We are concerned about the possible costs that might occur and that would be necessary in bringing this site up to standards and code. It is feeling like it is time to re locate from our current building.
- C. **Alternative School Site (Fortner Building):** This building is available for possible lease and or sale. This space is roughly 50k square feet. We have been working with Raymond and the COP (City of Prescott) to see if this site would be a good fit for our school and possibly other companies joining with us to help make this move more feasible and smooth. Our hope would be that this site would allow Northpoint the space to add the middle school that we have hoped for. Possibly a common space for other companies to share the gym or bring in the options/possibility for metal, culinary, auto and other vocational type work. A concern is for the HVAC and a few other things that we will need to look at.

Charles Mentken and Raymond are working on a strategic plan to bring Mr. Fortner here and discuss the opportunities that might open up for the community should he be willing to lease this building to us. With the possibility of purchasing this site in the future. With the agreement to lease this site, Northpoint would seek growth into a middle school as well as a gym and the rental of small space for offices, dance, launch pad, haunted houses and or other possible revenue for the school and opportunities to the community. This plan will take a couple of months to get together.

- D. New Student Board Representative: Noah Hawks attended tonights meeting in hopes of becoming our Student Representative. In the past we have asked the students to write a letter of interest for the Board to review. We have asked for Noah to do this and will open this up for other students to submit a letter of interest as well. The Board will review them at a later meeting.

Financial Reports / Review & Approve:

- A. Proposed Budget was reviewed and signed by all Board Members. Current budget is built at 170, it does look like we will start closer to 175. We have hired 3 new teachers with Masters this sy so this had brought up our expenses a bit. This includes our new Math Instructor as FT this year and a FT Instructional Guide.

(ShesThe Board optioned to drop EL for this school year, we will make this change for the Adopted Budget on July 11th.

We will move forward in the purchase of more chromebooks this year so that all students will have chrome replacing all mac books. Students are one/one and we have a testing lab (30 computers) as well.

Charles Matheus moved to approve the budget and this was seconded by Rosemary Dixon.

Informational Reports:

- A. Enrollment Status Report: We believe we will start the new school year with 170 plus students.

- B. EOY Report: Graduation went well. Great speeches and always good to hear of the students relationships with staff and peers as well as the energy and excitement as they step into a new chapter of their life.

Staff then returned for another week of curriculum work and reflection on the year. Staff reviewed things to change and or improve on for the new school year. Leah, Brad, Jedd and Elynn came back for a few extra days to build and create the curriculum for the 9th graders this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Newton adjourned the meeting at 6:30

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- July 11th, 2016 – Board Meeting in Room #111
- July 29th, 2016 – Nelapalooza BBQ @ 5:00 PM