



NORTHPOINT EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy in Room 111.

September 6th, 2016

Andrew Newton called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes for June 6th and for July 14th, 2016. Kim Belli motioned for approval and seconded by Charles Matheus, minutes approved and accepted.

STUDY AND VOTING SESSION

- A. Update on Dexter Site: PUSD had a meeting two weeks ago to discuss a company in PHX that has made an offer on the Dexter Bldg as well as two other District Bldgs. This site seems to be set aside on what to do since we are currently leasing this bldg. and the other two buildings are unoccupied. We should know or have a better understanding of their plans within a month or so. Will they be willing to lease to us in a long term or possibly as a lease purchase? They are aware of our situation and that our existence here offers them a steady cash flow. We hope that they will focus in on the other two buildings allowing time for us to save and search for other options for our school.
- B. Alternative School Site Options: We are still interested in the Fortner Bldg but are aware that the utilities as well as the interior changes would be extensive. We continue to discuss and look for other options for our school.
- C. Sign IGA with Yavapai College for Dual Credit Courses: Reviewed, approved and signed.
- D. May 2017 Intensive El Salvador Presentation: Mr. Kyle Short proposed the offer to take 15 kids to El Salvador this May with Bill Makela. A reminder that the crime rate and violence are still high as they have been but that they will do all that they can to keep the kids safe and secure. This area still seems to be a very great resource to help educate and experience the Spanish culture, lifestyle, etc. Andrew Newton motioned to approve this trip and Kim Belli seconded.

REVIEW FINANCIALS

- A. Review July and August Financials: No issues or concerns.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Enrollment Update: Is currently at 183. We have seen some movement with withdrawals but have also had new students enroll. We have 47 Seniors and we hope to have a larger graduation class this year than we have had in the past.
- B. First Month of School – (Ground School, Wilderness, Immersion, Academic Courses): Everything seemed to kick off smooth with no issues. We have a solid plan in place for the teachers that work agreements will not be renewed if they do not keep up with attendance, uniforms, grades and lesson plans as directed and advised.
- C. Audit Update: Last week was the on site visit of our audit. So far all seems to be ok, no concerns brought to our attention at this point.
- D. AzMerit Scores: We have one more year before we will have the choice on which test we would like to use. Overall the scores seem to be lower on AZ Merit. Should we have a 7th and 8th grade going forward this might help us work with students younger in hopes of better preparing them for testing.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Newton adjourned the meeting at 6:10

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- o October 4th, 2016 – 5:00 PM Regular Board Meeting – NELA Campus Rm. #111