



NORTHPOINT EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy in Room 111.

October 4th, 2016

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

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

A call to the public was made, with Martha Jensen present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes for September 6th, 2016. Charles Matheus motioned for approval and this motion was seconded by Rosemary Dixon, minutes approved and accepted.

STUDY AND VOTING SESSION

- A. Update on Dexter Site: We are waiting to hear back from Ironline on the purchase of this bldg.. We continue to look into the DES BLDG on Gurley as well as the Fortner Bldg. The costs to bring the DES bldg. to where we would need it would be significant and this would only be for the rental of the bldg. Charles has a meeting set with Charter Development to look at what options we may have. CDI sees Fortner as a better option. Our hope would be to keep the lease down under 15k but we know that this might not be an option. We do not think that Ironline will rent to us long term. We continue to put away roughly \$7500 a month to help with the purchase of a bldg. when the time comes. CDI has let us know that they would rather buy an existing bldg. then to build.
- B. Alternative School Site Options: Looking into DES building as well as Fortner. Also looking at our options for construction and remodel at any of these sites including the current Dexter building.
- C. January 2017 Intensive to New Orleans (Mr. Kyle Short): Mr. Short proposed the Board's approval for NELAs 4th trip to New Orleans. This trip would be from Jan 11th thru the 23rd. The itinerary would be very much the same as last year. Two days travel to and from with the other days booked for service work, some cultural exhibits and performances. This would not be an option for the Seniors, they would be scheduled to go unless circumstances were extreme they would exempt them from going. Documents attached to the minutes to follow up this discussion.

- D. Risk Management Development: Forming a committee with the teacher so address, remind and implement procedures and safety while we are out walking to and from different locations for fieldwork and crew. Courtesy to others on the sidewalks and streets. Be safe as well as aware, etc.

REVIEW FINANCIALS

- A. Review September Financials – All seems stable and well.
B. Approve and Sign NELA Annual Financial Report (AFR) – Report reviewed with no notes and signed.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Enrollment Update: Our current enrollment is 180 but we are aware that we have students leaving. We hope that we will see an increase in January. (Student report attached). We know that we need to see higher numbers to help secure our future overall.
B. New SPED Staff Aide: Due to our increase in SPED students this year, we have hired a new SPED Aide. We will apply for a Grant to help with the costs. This added aide allows one Aide to work with 9th, one Aide to work with 10th and then our 3rd Aide to work with the 11th and 12th. We feel this extra assistant and hopefully grant will be very positive for our students.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Newton adjourned the meeting at 6:10

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- November 1, 2016– 5:00 PM Regular Board Meeting – NELA Campus Rm. #111