

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 1st, 2019**

**Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy
551 First Street, Prescott, AZ / Room #111**

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawn Casey - DC
Rosemary Dixon - RD
Gina Sparks - GS
Zoe Kroner - ZK
Sophia Grubert - SG (Student Rep)

STAFF PRESENT:

Kyle Short - KS
Melissa Wagoner - MW
Sharon Felker - CF

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Spreng - MS

Call to public

RD - Call to order
RD - Call to public: (No Public)

Approval of Minutes from September 3rd

RD - Call to approve the minutes from 9/3 meeting.
RD - Motion to approve the minutes.
GS, DC - Seconded.
RD - Motion approved.

Resignation of board member Michael Spreng

MW - Michael has pulled away from the board, and has decided to no longer participate. Is there any discussion of what

RD - Made contact with Mr. Spreng, gave an explanation of being too busy to be able to participate in meetings on a regular basis. Opted to not be a board member any more, gave official resignation.

DC - MOTION to accept Mr. Spreng's resignation from the board.

RD - Second

GS - Aye

ZK - Aye

RD - Motion carries

Consider acceptance of Mavis Brauer

RD - Mavis has volunteered for various activities around Northpoint, including passage and as an expert speaker. Was a former psychologist and engineer, very nice person and loves the school. She has enjoyed her experiences and our school structure so much that she would like to support us as a board member.

RD - MOTION to approve Mavis Brauer

DC - Seconded

ZK - Aye

GS - Aye

RD - Motion carries

AFR - Review and approve

MW - AFR is the annual financial report, SF has been working on it quite a bit. It is finalized

RD - Do you feel comfortable with the state of the school's finances?

MW - This report is from last year, but feels comfortable with the state of our finances.

MW - Our budget is about \$1.9 million, please look over the report if you haven't so we can sign it and send it in to the state to prove that it has been approved. All of the documents will be posted publicly on our website.

GS - Move to approve all signatures on the AFR

ZK - Seconded

RD - Aye

DC - Aye

RD - Motion passes

Informational Report - School Update

MW - We are at 198 enrollment, our highest was 205 but some of those students didn't withdrawal until several weeks into the school year. The system is inefficient at the beginning but we are leveling out with our numbers, holding solid. We still have a wait list for 8th grade, but won't be accepting new students until next semester. The only exception is for successful students who are moving from out of state or county.

GS - How long is the wait list for 8th grade?

MW - We have about four students waiting, but they may not stay on if we won't accept them into a full class at this point in the year. There have been some special cases that we have tried to accept

MW - Senior Class did their cap and gown photos, it was a great turnout. We have 34 seniors this year, hopefully they will all stay with us this year and we fit on the stage at graduation.

MW - Junior class is our lowest enrolled class, only 29 students but they are having a lot of success.

MW - 8th grade had a lot of CCV's at the beginning of the year and some consistent behavior challenges for the teachers. There has been some positive development, and some anecdotal evidence that some students are changing for the better.

RD - Isn't it developmentally normal for 8th graders to be acting out?

MW - Yes it is, but we also have some challenging students that have really been acting out. Staff has been holding the line and really working with the students to make a positive change. No one is giving up, and we are confident that we will continue to see positive changes.

GS - The communication between middle school staff and administration has been wonderful, seems to be a very effective way to move forward.

RD - How is Regina Wucinich doing as the middle school manager?

MW - Regina is a hard worker, and has been a strong leader but still asks for support when needed. She is the good cop to my bad cop,

MW - We are hosting a Save our Schools town hall meeting in our cafeteria. This will be on Saturday, 9/6/19

MW - Wrote a grant for expanding counseling services, was going to be done by the county but they pulled out of the group funding. Our individual grant has quality data that demonstrates our need for this type of support. 3.5 year grant for someone like Beth Dunn (Hopefully Beth herself)

Our IEP students really need this support by law, and some of our other students just really need the emotional support. Our suicide rate is 3 times higher in yavapai then the county

RD - Do parents need to give permission for her to see her

MW - Yes

MW - FW description

MW - Awesome community gathering, fun, powerful, entertaining, positive

SG - Engagement was high, energy was positive, crews actually planned some good skits

Next school board meeting date:

RD - Next meeting is on 11/5/19

DC - Book fair for fundraising to help fund a middle school library.

GS - Is there a place to reach out for NCAT to help support this fundraiser?

DC - They need to

ZK - NCAT doesn't have a lot of support to offer, but if you come up with a good idea.

ZK - Mass texts as an option to look into instead of emails, since a lot of people do not read their email on a daily basis.

MW - Text service for this amount of people would cost us a bit, we can look into what that price would be

KS - MW and I can look into a texting service to be able to send out mass communication.

(General agreement that minimal but important texts would be a really effective form of communication.)

GS - Michelle Grubert is supportive as an NCAT leader and providing her with this text service would be a positive way to get her messages out and take some of the administrative duties off of her plate.

(We will discuss these things at the next meeting with more information about pricing)

Adjournment:

RD - Move to adjourn

DC - Seconded

ZK - Aye

GS - Aye

RD - Meeting Adjourned