

**Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019**

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

Meeting called to order at 5:02

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

N/A

Call to public

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

Approval of Minutes from October 1st, 2019

GS - Correction to the minutes from October 1st
DC - Moves to approve the minutes with corrections
RD - Calls to a vote, motion passes.
RD - Motion approved.

General Update

MW - Enrollment is at 193, we started at 204 but this decrease is on average with our previous years. Five more have enrolled for spring semester and info sessions are continuing once a month. We are not below budget, still getting interest calls to give people a deeper understanding. We aren't stressed about numbers right now.

Out of State Travel

MW - NELA to NOLA...Seniors are heading to Vegas to fly from here to New Orleans. Dale Poole is driving to New Orleans to help cover baggage costs through the airlines. 27 seniors and 4 chaperones, (Poole, Wood, Zych, Reilly) will be headed out at 3:00 am tomorrow morning. Share out of itinerary, service trips, tours, and activities while they are out of state.

MW - We received a \$5,000 anonymous donation to help enable the students to be able to fly instead of driving for two days. The few fundraisers that were completed to help offset the cost of \$575 per student pay

for the trip. We are looking forward to seeing what the students have to present on what they learned at Expo when they return.

International Travel

MW - Our next out of state trip is an international trip to Germany in May of 2020. We have already chosen our student travelers and they are working towards earning enough money for the trip. The trip leaders will present this excursion in January.

ZK - For our next fundraiser for the Germany trip, we will be holding a silent auction. Our struggle in the past has been fundraising outside of our Northpoint community, so we are trying to invite as many Prescott community members as possible. No specific dates have been chosen, but we will keep the board updated.

Review 2019 SY Audit

MW - Our letter from the state regarding our financial audit was very positive, out of our two million dollar budget we were only missing \$245. The auditor said this was miraculous

MW -

- 2009/10 SY was when we split from PUSD due to financial concerns. We paid 10,000 in rent per month. When the school district decided to sell the building in 2017 and sold it to Ironline. We had considered purchasing it but were unable to pay the money to get the building up to code as a school. We signed a 10 year lease 3% increase per year, triple net lease meaning we are responsible for the upkeep of the building.
- The middle school was a \$2000 per month increase for the space
- By 2026 we would be paying almost 17000 a month. This would price us out of existing.
- Melissa has started looking at where we would be at the end of that time.
- What would it take to buy the building? We would need about 250 students to pay for it
- On bank loans, we would have to fit about 45 students per classroom based on space.
- We would be worried about watering down our program to accommodate the larger numbers
- I have put us in the running to buy this property
- The company Ironline has sold the property behind us.
- The deal is in process, we have enough of a buffer to be able to pay
- Mortgage payment is less than 10,000 instead of going up every year
- No repayment penalty, 5 year loan with a balloon payment, are waiting for interest rates to go up.
- We should be able to close by January of 2020.

MW - Next meeting is Tuesday, January 7th of 2020 at 5:00 pm.

DC- Meeting Adjourned