

**Governing Board Meeting
Minutes Tuesday, February 5th,
2019**

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

*Meeting called to order at
5:13pm*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Casey - DC (on speaker phone, late arrival) Rosemary Dixon - RD Gina Sparks - GS

STAFF PRESENT:

Kyle Short - KS Tracy
Williams - TW Melissa
Wagoner - MW Sharon
Felker - CF

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Spreng - MS
Charles Matheus - CM

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

ABSENT: Sophia Grubert - SG

Approval of Minute RD - Call to order RD - Call to public: (No Public) RD - Call to approve minutes from last meeting. GS - Motion to approve minutes. RD - Seconded. DC - Aye. RD - Motion approved.

Approval of Secondary minutes approved
RD- Motion to approve other minutes DC - Seconded RD - Motion approved

Exceptional Student Services Policy and Procedures (IDEA) MW - Explanation of what IDEA is, and what needs to be approved MW - Update of this new document includes how to identify a child with special needs

and how they can be supported. We already do these things so there aren't any changes to our program. MW - We have done a lot of these things for many years, but it is a federal program that has been adopted by the state. TW - The school is already meeting all of the time frames or exceeding expectations, including in the middle school.

RD - I am comfortable approving this new policy as there aren't any major changes to curriculum or school policies. MW - The biggest change is that we should be doing more training with staff on "child find" rather than only instructors. (This is a piece of staff responsibilities that were approved in the past) RD - Does it happen often that you identify students in MS and HS for this program that haven't been identified in the past? TW - Our IEP meetings and intervention programs that are already in place lead us to find those who haven't been identified, but about 95% come in already identified as special needs.

Middle School Update TW - 51

students currently enrolled

- Both teaching teams are complete for the rest of the year, Mr. Hummel as been a great addition - Last semesters plans were carried over from last semester as far as scheduling of classes and extracurricular - While staff issues are still present since they are developing new curriculum, the students have grown a lot and seen a lot of progress. - Overall there has been a lot of growth, despite some tumultuous times as a first year school.

NCAT Report GS - NCAT met last night, there is a once a

month meeting

- Right now the focus is on prom and how to fundraise for that event - The organization feels a little lopsided, as there is more support for the high school and not for the middle school - There is an understanding of the need for fundraising, but how can NCAT come forward with more manpower and support for the teachers and students?

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- NCAT may be confused on their mission, as the background of the parents involved may be from more traditional schools, and may be confused on their exact role TW - MW and I will

coordinate more next year on how to get our schedules and events aligned on the calendar so NCAT can support both sides. RD

- Is there a need for two separate NCAT organizations? One for HS and one for MS?

GS - We had discussed this possibility but come to a consensus that the best support would be for a "Northpoint" NCAT and not separate school entities. - It seems that we can do more focus on supporting the students and teachers as a whole and not only

focusing on the financials of certain events. MW - Sometimes people show up at NCAT and

would like a specific task or fundraiser that they can be in

charge of. NCAT should create an overall goal and how they can work towards that goal, and come up with specific task for those that would like to help in that capacity. GS

- At the next meeting we will work towards more engagement of parents in specific tasks and then having

those who are in it for the long term look at the big picture. MW - Three students and myself

are going to check out prom venues tomorrow during the school day so we

will confirm on that by
tomorrow.

High School Update MW - 148

is current enrollment

- New freshman who just started today, and an exchange student from Turkey who just started. - Financials are still doing okay, we moved \$50,000 into savings this week. - We are only over budget on technical and utilities for the building - We finished our AdvancedED review today, overall it was very positive

- Highest points on the ELEOT:

- Having a well managed learning environment -
Have a supported learning environment

- Lowest points on the ELEOT: - Digital learning - Monitoring and feedback of student progress - *Both of these were qualified that they did not see it, not that it doesn't happen

- Initiate:

- A comprehensive improvement plan, written and formal with specific items that drive our decisions - Written policies need to be worked on, clear difference between governing board and corporate

board - Any policies written should have an interpretive value

to it

- Integrate

- Middle school integration needs to be more, vertical alignment between curriculum and principles - Parent, Community, and Business relationships need to be improved, although the AdvancedEd

board thought that we were harder on ourselves than we needed to be

- Impact

- Point of amazement: our strong school culture, and commitment to the culture, and that it promotes innovation and creativity - Crew is the number one way that it is built and maintained, and they have never seen such a

strong culture

- The report will come out in 30 days, and will be shared with staff as a celebration of our success and a discussion of our improvement. Our next assessment will be in five years.

Members report on progress from last meeting steps RD - Spoken with John Duncan on writing an article in 5enses about the school and seeing how he can work with more students on promoting our school. MW - John Duncan would also like to do a write up on Mexico in the 5enses magazine as well, since it is a positive piece. TW - Has contacted all three magazines that were mentioned previously, and they are open to working with us on promotion and ensuring that we are advertised as 7-12 instead of 9-12. TW - Facebook and Instagram posts can't be promoted without paying for "boosting", so we can ask parents to mark our messages as "see first" or at least repeatedly post advertisements. MW - John Duncan said that he would cut us a deal on an advertisement in 5enses besides the articles. MW - 2018 Spring Sports Guide is a possibility for advertisement, a print ad is over \$800 so we may look into the online option instead TW - We can get a new banner or banners to promote our sports and be able to promote our sports program and our organization in general. RD - Prescott Parent is a publication that may be another possibility for advertisement or promotion, may only be online but could be helpful. MW - Re-labeling of the vans is a priority since they look pretty rough and that is a big part of advertisement, but we are looking at different wording and designs. KS - I haven't started the tri-fold yet since we were focused on AdvancedEd, but I can set a deadline for a draft for myself by the next meeting. Maybe I can make this a part of our PD for Restorative Justice. KS - Taylor and I can carve out time during our RJ PD to get feedback from the staff on what should be included on our tri-fold brochure GS - Has contacted Prescott Woman and hasn't heard back after email and phone messages. Still awaiting reply. RD - We should check and see if we know anyone on staff that would put in a good word for our cause. MW - Hasn't heard if CM has reached out to other administrators from local schools or not, but can check in with him soon.

RD - Call to adjourn RD - Next meeting date is
Tuesday, March 5th.