

**Governing Board Minutes**  
**April 7th, 2020**

Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy  
5:00PM-Teleconference via Zoom--link posted on website

In Attendance via Zoom: Rosemary Dixon-Davies (RD), Mavis Brauer(MB), Gina Sparks (GS), Zoe Kroner (ZK), Dawn Casey (DC), Sharon Felker (SF), Kyle Short (KS), Sophia Grubert, (SG) Melissa Wagoner (MW).

CALL TO ORDER, RD: 5:03  
CALL TO THE PUBLIC, RD, no public in attendance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ZK moves to approve 3/3/20 minutes, GS seconds, ALL in favor, Minutes approved.

COVID-19 Response:  
MW-reviews COVID-19 Response--what has happened since our last meeting: school closures, computer distribution, and COVID19 Do No Harm grading policy.

MB expresses that the grading scheme and education are not one in the same. Education is for the sake of being educated. ZK and GS express the dual nature of the policy, as it both releases pressure to perform from kids who are not able to complete their assignments due to home situations, but at the same time allows for a general laziness in being able to opt out of everything. It does let kids 'off the hook' more than we would like.

KS agrees that the grading policy is a band aid, but that during Intensives, the grading is completely separate from the 4th quarter grading of 'do no harm.'

MW-suggests that NELA create a 'honor roll' for those that do take advantage of the educational opportunity.

APPROVAL of COVID19 Do No Harm grading policy. GS-motion to approve the resolution on the grading policy MB-seconds All in favor, motion carries.

Calendar 2020-2021

MW points out that the only changes are minimal, ensuring that we have the appropriate hours and that the calendar allows for 3.5-4 snow days.

RD asks what has changed.

MW says minimal in the HS calendar, moves discussion to MS calendar-aligning the MS program more with the HS calendar.

GS-notices that calendar for MS starts at 8:30.

SF-acknowledges that it is a typo.

ZK-notices that Winter Gathering has a typo on the calendar.

SF-notes the changes needed.

GS-asks if there could be an alternative to start later, or end earlier in the Middle School hours.

MW-discusses the early start vs. going more days (not a 4 day/week schedules).

SF-discusses the number of hours per year necessary and the low attendance on Fridays. Staff challenge of time and effort in planning Friday Fieldwork. Hours have to come from either longer days (fewer per week) or more days (fewer hours per week).

GS-appreciates the points as explained by SF, but still questions why so few kids attend Fridays/Friday School. Asks about ways to get students there on Fridays.

RD-What other options are there?

MW-We could stay later in the day or do more days. We could release MS later 3:45 and have HS wait for vans. Or we can add 7 more days to MS schedule.

GS-asks if we cut our snow days, could the kids start later? How important is it to makeup snowdays?

MB-asks the motivation of students who attend Friday Schools

KS-explains Friday School. Asks if anyone knows when PUSD MS starts.

MW-Mile High starts at 8am

KS-asks if we can look at the difference in the bell schedule if we change the start time to later and end time to later.

MW-strategizes with SF to rebuild a sample schedule.

GS-states that if no one else questions the schedule we can move on.

SF-clarifies hours for review

RD-asks for general opinions from board

MW-assents that ideally we would start later in the day-but not feasible

RD-calls for the question

RD-motion to approve the 2020-2021 Calendar (with 2 changes discussed). MB-second, All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT 5:33, RD