

Governing Board Meeting Minutes
February 2nd, 2021
Northpoint Expeditionary Learning Academy
5:00 P.M.

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

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Responsibilities of the Governing Board

- *Supporting the Mission and Vision of Northpoint Academy*
- *Overseeing the overall performance of Northpoint Academy*
- *Setting the school's general policies and overall curriculum policies*
- *Developing the annual budget and financial procedures*
- *Developing student and staff policy handbooks*
- *Review and approve curriculum and textbooks, which will meet AZ State Standards* ○ *Fundraising*
- *Approving personnel policies and monitoring their implementation by the principal*
- *Assuring that the charter schools fulfills its charter contract*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rosemary Dixon - RD

Gina Sparks - GS

Zoe Kroner - ZK

Mavis Brauer - MB (Edit 2/2/21)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dawn Casey - DC

STAFF PRESENT:

Melissa Wagoner - MW

Sharon Felker - SF

Fran Haynes - FH

Anthony Gamboa (Morgoth) - AG(M)

STAFF ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

RD - Call to order at 5:01 pm

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

RD--Move to approve minutes from previous meeting

ZK--Seconds Motion

- Amended to approve minutes with spelling corrections for last names.

Motion passes-- All approves

3. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

MW--Review of two candidates

RD--I know both of them since I remember them as students here at the school.

The only thing is that Grant is in Colorado and Cody is here in Prescott Valley. The only reason I would go with Cody is because he's closer.

ZK--I agree. He also has a little bit of distance out of Northpoint.

MW--Cody also has his experience and role with the PVPD that could be an asset for the board. We could bring both of them on, but that would bring Rosie to be the tiebreaker. I'll let Rosie speak to that.

RD--I prefer to not be that. I prefer to be a team group

MB-- Has a swing vote occurred before? --MW- Has not happened before.

MW-- Suggests to create a new position for the candidate that doesn't get elected.

b. Motion to approve new Governing Board Member

GS-- Moves to vote to bring in Cody Chewing as new board member

RD-- Seconds the motion

No opposition, passes by acclamation

c. Motion to accept resignation

RD-- Moves to accept resignation prior to (3.b.)

No opposition - passes by acclamation

4. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

a. School Report

MW--We're at 180 right now. We're seeing a lot of people appreciating the way we're

doing things at school. I feel pretty good about the numbers right now. I don't want to go too much higher as it could mess with our hybrid model.

GS--Which number would change that we could not do hybrid?

MW--I would say 195. A part of keeping that number low, is keeping our mitigation strategies in place without doing block scheduling. Doing so dips into the finance aspect of the school report. Our savings are good, our checking account is good, but we are missing 5% of our funding for every day they're not in physical school.

Governors grant (ESG): is in our account, and already spent. Obligated and liquidated.

MW to breakdown various grants of which are approved, spent, revisited, and will be ongoing. Has grants up until 2022. "Esser 2" Grant: We will receive more than \$90,000. Northpoint doesn't have to cut hours or staff. Financially we are in good shape. NELA has over half a million dollars in savings, savings is draining slowly, but not of any immediate concern.

RD: Is there any data on how schools are doing financially?

MW: It depends on the district. The issue with funding isn't for Charter Schools, but a matter of District influence. The 5% cut is only for schools that did not have a prior online learning model prior to the pandemic shift.

MW-- Reopening has been set for 2/17/21 but it depends on the data since that could change that date depending on if it plateaus or increases. We will check the metrics 2/4 and 2/11 to ensure the decline continues. NELA will be implementing mitigation techniques when we come back full in person or in hybrid.

- Discussed county numbers and rates. About 70% of our teacher population opted for vaccine and 30% opted out of the vaccine
- We may have to pull a day to close on the 23rd due to reactions of the second vaccination and how people may feel from it
- GS--Why don't you close that day and open Friday?
- MW-Fridays are PD and already planned
- ZK--Why don't you plan to close that day and just have assignments set up for the students?
- MW--If I go ahead and say on the 23rd, you have assignments on zoom, but there will be no zoom so that way teachers can rest if they do not feel well.
- Informal discussion on immunity and vaccines.
- May have to close for the 23rd for staff recovery for vaccinations; will review and plan accordingly.
- No public comments

5. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 - 5:00 PM via ZOOM

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned

RD-- Moves to adjourn 5:43