



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2019

Mission

The mission of VES is to provide students with the necessary tools to lead meaningful and productive lives through hands-on learning, service to others and environmental stewardship.

Vision Statement

Starting at a level much deeper than just curriculum, the design of VES addresses the origins of learning and the fundamental well-being of students. The foundation necessary to achieve the mission of our school is the establishment of a community of learners, composed of students, families, teachers, and staff who share the conviction that the best education takes place in an intentionally developed environment that nurtures, protects, challenges, and values every member of that community.

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum – Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairperson Shana Torgenson.

Board Members Present – Donna Zelinsky, Kari Olson, Shana Torgenson

Officers Present – Scott Anderson, Kathy Skinner, Cynthia England

Guests – Joe Gould (teacher,) John Egger (community member,) and Cynthia Tesar (parent.)

Approval of Meeting Agenda – Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve the agenda, Kari Olson seconded.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Board Configuration – Seating of New Directors – Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve appointment of John Egger and Cynthia Tesar as new Board Members, Kari Olson seconded. Motion was approved.

A. Consent Agenda: Consent agenda items are considered routine in nature and will be voted upon With a single motion; however, any board member may request that items on the Consent Agenda be removed from it for independent consideration. Any items so identified will be moved to the Action Item portion of the agenda.

- ◆ Minutes from 8-12-19 board meeting
- ◆ 8-31-19 Financials
- ◆ 9-30-19 Financials

Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve the consent agenda; Kari Olson seconded. A Quorum was not established for the September meeting, therefore there were no meeting minutes. August minutes and both financial reports were approved by all.

How Well Are Students Doing?

B. Reports

- ◆ Director's Report

Is Everything Occurring Appropriately?

C. Public Comments: Any person wishing to speak directly to the Board, once recognized by the board chair, may do so for up to 5 minutes. The public input period will last no longer than 5 minutes.

No public comments.

D. Information/Discussion Items



E. Board Committees

- ◆ Finance Committee Minutes – The Finance Committee met to discuss enrolling a few more students to meet original budget projections; budget adjusting might be needed and will be reviewed at November meeting. Scott will apply for grant to help cover the cost of taking students to the play “Annie” and the Creativity Festival at BSU. The annual audit results will be presented at the November Board Meeting. Payroll has gone paperless and building landlord has filled out paperwork to have rent payment online.

F. Action Items

- ◆ Board Goals 2019-2020 – Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve Board Goals; Kari Olson seconded. Motion passed.
- ◆ Approve North Dakota Science Trip for Oct. 21st – 25th - Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve Science trip; Kari Olson seconded. Motion passed.
- ◆ Approve Kitselman Grant – purpose of grant is to cover cost for taking students to the play “Annie.” Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve; Kari Olson seconded. Motion passed.
- ◆ Approve 2018-2019 Annual Report - Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve; John Egger seconded; motion passed.
- ◆ Approve Updated Crisis Management Policy – After discussion that the number of required drills needed to be changed, Cynthia Tesar motioned to approve the policy; Donna Zelinsky seconded and the motion was approved.
- ◆ Approve Annual Charter School Assurances – Donna Zelinsky motioned to approve Assurances; Cynthia Tesar seconded; motion was approved.

Board Assessment and Development

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- ◆ ACNW Program Contacts
- ◆ Succession Planning
- ◆ ACNW Leadership Retreat

H. Adjourn the regular meeting - Donna Zelinsky motioned to adjourn; John Egger seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by Chairperson Shana Torgeson.

Next Regular Board Meeting: November 11, 2019 at 5:15 p.m.