



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 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 called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chair Brian Olson

Board Members Present: Brian Olson, Kari Olson, Ross Millar and Heidi Seitz

Officers Present: Scott Anderson, Jean Fjelsta and Kathy Skinner

Guests: Sydney Ernst and Caitlin Wacker

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Kati Olson motioned to approve the agenda. Heidi Seitz seconded. Two additional items added under Actions Items. All approved.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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 1-14-19 board meeting
- ◆ 1-31-19 Financials

Ross Millar motioned to approve the January financials. Kari Olson seconded. All approved.

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.

D. Information/Discussion Items

- ◆ Review Teacher Contract Language-Discussed adding a paragraph to the staff handbook regarding the responsibility of licensed Teachers serving on the School Board.
- ◆ Board Committee Composition-Discussed forming an Academic Excellence Committee that is comprised of licensed and non-licensed staff to review that academic progress is in line with the goals set by the Board.
- ◆ Board Goals-The goals will be added to the school website.

E. Board Committees

- ◆ Finance Committee Minutes: Kari Olson provided a written report that is included in the packet.
- ◆ Election Committee Minutes: Ross Millar gave a verbal report. The nomination letter has been drafted with the timeline of the election.
- ◆ Form Director Evaluation Committee: No report was given

F. Action Items

- ◆ Approved Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) Ross Millar motioned to approve this committee. Kari Olson seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Approve Lottery Policy-Kari Olson motioned to approve this policy with one change. Heidi Seitz seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Approve By-Laws-Heidi Seitz motioned to approve By-laws with the removal of the Facilities Committee as a standing committee. Ross Millar seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Approve Nomination Letter-Kari Olson motioned to approve the letter with changes being made to define immediate family. Heidi Seitz seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Approve Revised School Calendar-Kari Olson motioned to approve the calendar showing changes of school closings and make up days due to weather. Ross Millar seconded. All approved.
- ◆ Approve Moving CD to Money Market Account-Heidi Seitz motioned to move this money. Kari Olson seconded. Total as of this date to be moved is \$50,402.77. All approved.

Board Assessment and Development

- ◆ Open Meeting Law Part 4-Brian Olson gave an overview of what the law is.
- ◆ Set Board Work Session-The Board has decided that they will meet for an hour prior to the March meeting to use as a work session.
- ◆ Smart Phones Are Making Us Dumb-Scott played a video for the board about cell phones. This video will be played for staff and at the next Parent night.

G. Adjourn the Regular Meeting: Kari Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Heidi Seitz seconded. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. by Chair Brian Olson.

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