



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
December 14th, 2020
5:30 pm

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 by Amanda Willis-Martin at 5:35 p.m.

Members Present: John Eggers, Cindy Tesar, Kari Olson, Amanda Willis-Martin, Shana Torgeson, and Becky Reinarz

Officers Present: Scott Anderson, Kathy Skinner, Theresa Knapper Smith

Absent: None

Guest: Nalani McCutcheon of Osprey Wilds and Joe Gould of VES

Approval of Meeting Agenda – Becky Reinarz motion to approve, Cindy Tesar second, all approved

Declaration of Conflict of Interest - None

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 11-09-2020 Board Meeting
- ◆ 11-09-2020 Financials

Cindy Tesar motion to approve, Kari Olson second, all approved

How Well Are Students Doing?

B. Reports

- ◆ Director's Report
- ◆ Design Team

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 (Items previously sent via email, not in packet)

- ◆ Review Policy Updates – First Reading of the following policies
 - ◆ 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 5.2.3, 6.5.2
- ◆ MN Authorizer Performance Evaluation System (MAPES) Performance Report

E. Board Committees

- ◆ Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- ◆ New Board Member Committee

F. Action Items

- ◆ Review/Approve Learning Model – Becky Reinartz motion to stay in Online learning until January 11, 2021 board meeting, Amanda Willis-Martin second, all approved
- ◆ Review/Approve Budget – Kari Olson motion to approve, Amanda Wilis-Martin second, all approved.
- ◆ Appoint Election Committee – Kari Olson motion to appoint Becky Reinartz, Cindy Tesar, Kathy Skinner, and John Eggers to the Election Committee, Amanda Willis-Martin second, all approved
- ◆ Approve New Board Member Orientation and Onboarding Procedure – Tabled until January Board Meeting

Board Assessment and Development

G. Board Training

- ◆ Finances and Student Performance (from November)-Discuss

H. Adjourn the meeting – Amanda Willis-Martin motion to adjourn, Cindy Tesar second, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.