



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021
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 called to order by Amanda Willis-Martin at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Amanda Willis-Martin, Shana Torgeson, Becky Reinarz
Present Via Zoom: John Eggers, Kari Olson, Cindy Tesar
Officers Present: Scott Anderson, Kathy Skinner, Theresa Knapper Smith
Guest: Joe Gould VES Teacher
Absent: None

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Becky Reinarz motion to approve, Shana Torgeson 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 1-11-2021 Board Meeting
- ◆ 1-11-2021 Financials

Kari Olson motion to approve Consent Agenda, Becky Reinarz 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.

Joe Gould made known to the board that he and Parker (a VES Para) would be interested in being on the Director Search Committee.

D. Information/Discussion Items

- ◆ Review Policy Updates-First Reading: 2.10, 2.11, 3.1, 3.2
- ◆ Senior Project Update
- ◆ Osprey Wilds Website Compliance
- ◆ Review Indian Ed Program plan

E. Board Committees

- ◆ Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Director Search and Hiring Committee
- ◆ Election Committee

F. Action Items

- ◆ Review/Approve Learning Model Update:
Amanda Willis-Martin motion to approve proceeding with discussions to move forward to bring all students back to the building full time, Shana Torgeson second, all approved.
- ◆ Approve Policy Updates: 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, & 2.9:
Kari Olson motion to adopt policies .5 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, and 2.9, Shana Torgeson second, all approved.
- ◆ Student Enrollment Lottery:
Lottery was held for 6th grade enrollment of 10 students and 2021-22 waiting list consisting of 0 students for 7th grade, 3 students for 8th grade, 12 students for 9th grade, 11 students for 10th grade, 2 students for 11th grade, and 4 students for 12th grade. Kari Olson motioned to approve lottery results, Shanna Torgeson second, all approved.
- ◆ Kitselman Foundation Grant Acceptance:
Amanda Willis-Martin motion to accept grant, Kari Olson second, all approved.
- ◆ Approve Board Assurance letter:
Kari Olson motion to approve, Becky Reinartz second, all approved.
- ◆ Approve Director Job Description updated and position post:
Becky Reinartz motion to approve updated job description and job posting, Shana Torgeson second, all approved.

Board Assessment and Development

G. Board Training

- ◆ OW Sounding Board Issue 19 – Charter School Board Self-Evaluation

H. Adjourn the meeting:

Becky Reinartz motion to adjourn, Shana Torgeson second, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.