



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
January 11th, 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 5:31 pm

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

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

Absent: None

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Becky Reinartz motion to approve agenda, Shanna 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 12-14-2020 Board Meeting
- ◆ 12-14-2020 Financials

Kari Olson motion to approve Consent Agenda, Becky Reinartz 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

- ◆ Review Policy Updates-First Reading 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, & 2.9
- ◆ Review Board Goals
- ◆ Review Current Board Member terms and commitment
- ◆ Director Retirement as of June 30, 2021

E. Board Committees

- ◆ Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

F. Action Items

- ◆ Review/Approve Learning Model: Shana Torgeson motion to take steps and move forward into a hybrid learning model beginning February 1, 2021 pending current COVID-19 numbers with planning days to be January 28 and 29, 2021. Cindy Tesar second motion, all approved.
- ◆ Approve Policy Updates-1.1,1.2,2.1,2.2,2.3,2.41,2.4.2,2.4.3,5.2.3,6.5.2: Becky Reinarz motion to approve all policy updates, Cindy Tesar second, all approved.
- ◆ Appoint Board Orientation Committee: Amanda Willis-Martin motion to appoint Amanda Willis-Martin and Cindy Tesar to Board Orientation Committee, Becky Reinarz second, all approved.
- ◆ Appoint New Director Search and Hiring Committee: Amanda Willis-Martin motion to appoint Becky Reinarz, Kari Olson, Kathy Skinner, Cindy Tesar, and Amanda Willis-Martin to the Hiring Committee for a new Director, Becky Reinarz second, all approved.
- ◆ Amanda Willis-Martin Motion to amend Agenda to add Election Committee Update to action items, Kari Olson second motion, all approved.
- ◆ Election Committee Update: Amanda Willis-Martin motion to remove John Eggers and Cindy Tesar from Election Committee due to running for re-election and add Kari Olson to the Election Committee, Cindy Tesar second, all approved.
- ◆ Approve New Board Member Orientation and Onboarding Procedure: Becky Reinarz motion to approve, Cindy Tesar second, all approved.
- ◆ Review/Approve Annual Report Changes: Kari Olson motion to approve changes, Cindy Tesar second, all approved.

Board Assessment and Development

G. Board Training

- ◆ The Board/CEO Relationship-Discuss
- ◆ OW Sounding Board Issue 18

H. Adjourn the meeting

Shana Torgeson motion to adjourn meeting, Kari Olson second, all approved.
Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

