



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2021
4:30 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 at 4:33 p.m. by Amanda Willis-Martin

Present: Becky Reinarz, Shana Torgeson, Cindy Tesar (Left at 6:00), John Eggers, Joel Johannsen, Amanda Willis-Martin

Officers Present: Ryan Haasch, Kathy Skinner, Theresa Knapper Smith

Absent: None

Guests: Shelby Spry, Austin Claseman

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 08-09-2021 Board Meeting
- ◆ 08-31-2021 Financials

Becky Reinarz motion to approve, Cindy Tesar 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.

No public comment

D. Information/Discussion Items

- ◆ Financial Update
- ◆ Student Enrollment Update
- ◆ Review Director Evaluation template
- ◆ Second Reading Policy Updates 4.9
- ◆ First Reading Policy Updates: 5.1.5, 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3
- ◆ Covid related decisions-discussion
- ◆ N95 Mask and Bio Hazard Bins discussion
- ◆ Rebrand/Design and Sign Discussion

E. Board Committees

- ◆ Finance Committee Report
- ◆ Bylaw Committee Report

F. Action Items

- ◆ Approve Policies: 4.5.1, 4.7.1, 4.8.1, 4.10, 5.1.1
Becky Reinartz motion to approve all policies listed, Shana Torgeson second, all approved
- ◆ Approve 2021-2022 Board Goals
Amanda Willis-Martin motion to approve with change in verbiage, Cindy Tesar second.
Amanda Willis-Martin, Shana Torgeson, Becky Reinartz, and Joel Johannsen approve, John Eggers opposed, motion passes by majority vote
- ◆ Approve Covid related decisions
Amanda Willis-Martin motion to leave Covid related decisions ultimately in the hands of Director Ryan Haasch with input from the Design Team and other sources as necessary and increased communication to the Board, Becky Reinartz second, all approved.
- ◆ Approve Board Action Calendar 2021-2022
Becky Reinartz motion to approve, Shana Torgeson second, all approved
- ◆ Approve Board Election date for Authorizer
Amanda Willis-Martin motion to set date election date for Authorizer, Becky Reinartz second, all approved to set board election date as April 21, 2022
- ◆ Approve transfer of Safe Schools Grant from restricted to unrestricted
Becky motion to approve moving funds from restricted to unrestricted, Joel Johannsen second, all approved
- ◆ Approve Rebrand/Design and Sign
Joel Johannsen motion to approve to move forward with Meyers Sign Source for rebranding and new sign, Becky Reinartz second, all approved
- ◆ Approve Student Board Representative Committee
Amanda motion to create the committee with Becky Reinartz, Joel, Johannsen and herself to start creating the process to get student involvement on the Board, Joel Johannsen second, all approved

Board Assessment and Development

G. Board Training

- ◆ Board Training “The Happiness Advantage”
- ◆ Board Retreat Survey

H. Adjourn the meeting

Amanda Willis-Martin motion to adjourn meeting, Shana Torgeson second, all approved

Meeting adjourned 6:44 p.m.

Next Board Meeting
Monday, October 11, 2021
4:30 pm