



TO: Members of the Voyageurs Expeditionary School
FROM: Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Members
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The VES Board of Directors is holding board member elections for 2 year terms to begin in July 2017. You are eligible to be on the Voyageurs board if you are a parent/guardian of a Voyageurs student or a licensed faculty member employed at the school. The VES board meets once a month at the school, usually late afternoon to early evening. The board is responsible for reviewing/setting policies, monitoring goals and management. Board members are required to attend governance training, per state law. The first step in the election process is to create a field of candidates. Enclosed you will find a VES board member nomination form.

The VES board composition is a 6-member board comprised of 2 parents, 2 staff and 2 community members. It will be necessary to elect 1 parent member, 1 staff member & 1 community member to serve 2 year terms, beginning July 2017. We are also in need of a parent member to serve a 1 year term from July 2017-July 2018. Minnesota charter school law prevents any immediate member of any staff persons' family (Spouse, children, parent, grandparent, brother/sister, up to 1st cousin relation) to serve on the charter school board under the "Conflict of Interest" law.

If you are interested in serving as a board member, please fill out the nomination form and return to school. Nomination forms are also available on our website. If you have any questions regarding the duties of board members, please contact the school office. If you wish to nominate another person, you may do so. They must agree to serve and fill out the form, listing you as the person nominating them. Please be aware that the completed form will be sent out to all eligible voters prior to the election.

Nomination forms are due in the school office no later than Wed, March 24, 2017. The election will take place on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Voyageurs Annual Meeting/Parent Night. Absentee ballots are available upon request for those community members who will not be able to attend the annual meeting. Eligible voters are legal parents/guardians of actively enrolled students and licensed staff members. Election results will be certified at our May board meeting on May 8, 2017.