

Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2023

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.

GROUP MEETING NORMS

Develop Group Norms 1x/year and refer back to them at the beginning of each meeting.

Be on time and stay on task.

Operate with transparency.

Maintain confidentiality.

Be well prepared and fully present.

Maintain a sense of humor.

Be a solution-focused and system thinker.

Be respectful and non-judgmental (verbally and non-verbally)

ATTENDANCE

	Jessica: x	John x
<i>B</i>	Ryan x	Kari x
	Kathy absent	Gene absent
<i>O</i>	Heather absent	Chari x

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MEETING MINUTES

Time	Agenda Item/Topic	Discussion	Decision/Result	Action/Steps
4:44		Jess called meeting to order		
4:44 PM	Meeting Agenda	Jess motion to approve, Kari seconded	All approve.	
	Conflict of interest	None		
4:46 PM	Consent Agenda	Jess motion to approve. John seconded. No questions or changes. We have 3 different consent agendas: two for special meetings, one for regular board meeting.	All approve.	
4:48 PM	Director's Report	Things are getting way for summer projects, summer school started today, for HS, staff met to work in committees. ESY started today. Boundary Water Canoe trip leaving July 11. 6 students 2 staff. Staff retreat July 31-Aug 2. Goal is to have fun and community building, plan for Expeditionary Days and E weeks. Need a special ed teacher and a couple of paras still need to be filled.		
	Public comments.	NA		
4:54 PM	Discussion Items	NA		
4:55 PM	Finance Committee	We didn't meet. All committee members were out of town.		
4:59 PM	Director Eval Committee	Jess and Ryan will meet after the board meeting to go through findings.		
5:00 PM	Scholarship Committee	We need to draw for the quilt and find a new fundraiser for graduates.		
5:02 PM	Action items	John motion to approve smudging policy, Jess seconds. Chari motions Kari seconds for Second Monday of the month at 430 for board meetings. John motion, Jess second Ryan as IOWA.	All Approve All Approve All Approve	

5:07 PM		Board Meeting 3:30 and Retreat to follow here at school. Jess motion Kari second	All approve.	
5:08 PM		John motion, Chari second Ryan and Kari for bank signatures.	All approve.	
5:09 PM		Jess motion, Kari second Pioneer as official newspaper, Riverwood as designated bank.	All approve.	
5:10 PM		Jess Motion, Chari second Kathy electronic transfer authority.	All approve	
5:11 PM		Jess motion, Chari second to move forward with the current board members.	All approve.	
5:16		John motions and Chari seconds to keep current board officers.	All approve	
5:17	Kari motion, Jess second to adjourn.			

NEXT MEETING(S): August 14, at 3:30