

Voyagers Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes

Jan 9, 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

<i>Develop Group Norms 1x/year and refer back to them at the beginning of each meeting.</i>	
<i>task.</i>	<i>Be on time and stay on</i>
<i>transparency.</i>	<i>Operate with</i>
<i>confidentiality.</i>	<i>Maintain</i>
<i>fully present.</i>	<i>Be well prepared and</i>
<i>humor.</i>	<i>Maintain a sense of</i>
<i>and system thinker.</i>	<i>Be a solution-focused</i>
<i>non-judgmental (verbally and</i>	<i>Be respectful and</i>
<i>non-verbally)</i>	

ATTENDANCE

Jessica: x Ryan x Kathy x Heather x	John absent Kari x Gene x Chari x
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OPENING A TOPIC / AGENDA ITEM

In order to ensure group understanding of how the topic is situated within the overall district plan, note alignment with one of the four Strategic Areas of Focus by noting in the Agenda:

- Management (M) Efficient and Effective
- Community (C) Culture, Language, and Social-Emotional
- Learning (S) Academics (A)

If the topic does not align with one of these four areas, consider whether or not the topic needs to be covered or if it can be covered via e-mail communication instead.

CLOSING THE LOOP / ENSURING COMMUNICATION

In order to ensure group understanding of the decision and next steps, ask these questions:

- Does the decision address the identified issue or concern?
- What are the implications / outcomes of the decision for the team or other stakeholders?
- What are the next steps?
- Who is responsible?
- When will it be communicated?
- How will the decision/plan be reviewed and by whom?

MEETING MINUTES

Time	Agenda Item/Topic	Discussion	Decision/Result	Action/Steps
4:32 PM	Call to Order by Kari			4:32 PM
	Heather motion to discuss agenda	Jess second. Kari asks to table chat about 100% Graduation, and scholarship fund. Also add: appoint new parent board member and new school board chair before Consent agenda.		
	Heather motion to discuss approve agenda with changes.	Jess second.		
	Kari motion to approve new board chair.	Heather seconds appointing Jess as new board chair.		

	Jess welcomes new parent member.	Kari makes a motion to appoint new parent member. Heather seconds. No objections.		
4:39 PM	Consent agenda	Kari motions to approve notes and financials. Gene seconds . Discussion of scholarship fund. No further discussion. All in favor. No opposed.		
	No conflict of interest			
4:42 PM	Director's Report	Ryan: enrollment 106. Three new starting hex 4. BSU weight lifting with Jackson and Nicole for HS. MMA 6 students per week Sam alternating MS and HS. Second e-week coming up. W-F Ice fishing, winter survival, Annishinabe crafts, college tours, tattooing, Safe Space, Film Studies, Tie dyeing. End of the hex on Friday. Dan Ninham coming for Indigenous games.		
4:50 PM	No public comments.			
4:51 PM	Director Evaluation Committee	Usually only lead teachers join. Not rest of staff. There is a rubric that Becky Schuller has for us to use. Staff survey, too. Who else can be on the committee? Kari: thoughts about self evaluation. Ryan ok. Need to have 3? Last year happened in March. Probably needs to be delivered by April and kept on file.	Board chair uses data from rubric and staff evals.	Jess checking on regulations.
4:56 PM	Financial committee	Kari says short meeting. Should we budget for more students? Kathy says we are looking at roughly 105-106. Gen ed revenues based on enrollment and programs. Jess talked to Jen, owner of S&D. Stackable washer/dryer for \$900. Maybe donation? Need a plumber and electrician.		Further inquiries in process.
5:00 PM	Action items	Invite director eval committee. Kari motions to invite/nominate Becky and Alison as well as John to return to the committee. Maybe Heather. Kari motion to appoint Jess as chair of evaluation committee. Heather seconds. Election committee: John, Gene, and Kari 's spots up for election. Nomination committee can be Chari, Heather, Jess. Solicit for open positions in January.		Need to make and distribute

		Vote in March. Final vote April 12.		ballot according to bylaws.
5:15 PM	Jess refers to board training resource.			
5:17 PM	Jess asks of there are any other concerns. Jess asks for motion to adjourn.	Heather seconds. All agree.	All in favor. No opposed.	

NEXT MEETING(S): February 13, 2023 at 4:30.