

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A meeting of the Explore Knowledge Academy Charter School Board of Trustees was held on February 15th, 2024 over teleconference and in person at 5871 Mountain Vista Street, Las Vegas, NV.

Board president Michelle Alarie calls the regular meeting to order at 4:10PM

I - GENERAL

Roll Call and adoption of agenda: A quorum is established with the following board members present:

Michelle Alarie – President
Matthew Fitzgerald - Vice President
Calvert Webster – Trustee
Mario Rezai– Treasurer
Pamela Tarkanian – Secretary
Edna Elisabeth Nyang– Trustee

Jamie Cooks has resigned and is no longer on the board.

Michelle Alarie presents a declaration of posting of board meeting agenda.

II - PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments I: No public comments are given.

III - AGENDAS AND MINUTES

Adoption of Agenda: Mario Rezai moves to approve the adoption of agenda as presented. Matthew Fitzgerald seconds the motion. Michelle Alarie calls for a vote. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes.

Approval of Minutes: Pamela Tarkanian moves to approve the board minutes from Oct 19, 2023 with notation that Jamie Crooks is no longer on the board due to resignation. Mario Rezai seconds the motion. Michelle Alarie calls for a vote. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes.

IV - ORGANIZATIONAL

Community Council: Abbe Mattson states that the Community Council met on Feb 5th and Mr. Rezai was there to represent the board. The Community Council talked about the current and next year's enrollment. Also the council approved the FY 25 budget and the schools 2nd qtr financials.

Administration: Abbe Mattson discusses accreditation and states that the meeting went great. The accreditation team met with 4 students, 4 teachers and 4 families. The auditor was really impressed

with the school. She said that he was having difficulty finding areas for improvement. Abbe states that we are waiting for the official report. Abbe also states that they talked about the Pupil Centered funding plan. Ms. Mattson talks about the error in calculations and goes over the recalculations. Ms. Mattson states that they now understand what had happened and how we paid them back. Abbe states that she sent out the enrollment charts from last week and we are looking good for next year.

Finance: Mrs. Rogers said she sent out the check register for October to January check registers.

Advisors: Mrs Sanders states that for distance learning there are 34 kids. 17 in elementary and 14 in Secondary. In kindergarten they are learning about Nouns and verbs. 1st grade they are learning about things for black history month. In math, learning numbers up to 120. Speaking and listening are creating your own animal. 2nd grade math is counting coins. Third grade math is doing long division. 4th grade science is working on sight and light energy. Social studies is learning about the Mid Western US. For Writing, they are writing their persuasive essay. Reading is reading a mystery novel for the 3rd qtr book report. Math they are diving into fractions. They are also doing SBAC boot camp for 6 weeks. Speaking and listening 4th and 5th grade are learning about making a movie/play. 5th grade science is learning about water and carbon cycles. Social Studies just wrapped up learning about the West and moving to the Midwest. 6th grade English working on argumentative text. Math working with shape formulas. 7th grade English working on civil rights. Advanced algebra is working on geometric series.

Student Report : No reports are given.

Board Members: No reports are given.

V - BUSINESS

Appointment of new board member: Michelle Alarie states there are 2 applicants for the board. First is Samantha Jorgenson who is a teacher. Also there is Jason Delk who is a business owner. There was a vote and Motion to appoint Samantha Jorgenson to the board. Pamela Tarkanian moves to approve the motion to appoint Samantha Jorgenson to the board. Edna Elisabeth Nyang seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

FY 24 Staffing: Abbe Mattson discusses FY 24 Staffing and states that there are no new staff. No action is necessary.

2nd Qtr FY 24 Financials: Abbe Mattson states that there is nothing unusual to talk about. Ms. Mattson states that we have more special ed students than what was projected. Abbe states that there is nothing out of the ordinary and we are looking good after all the cuts. Mario Rezai moved to approve the motion to. Calvert Webster seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

FY 25 Preliminary Budget: Abbe Mattson discusses the preliminary budget and states there is an increase in funding. Abbe states that we are going from \$8966.00 per student to \$9497.00 per student. That is \$531 more than last year. Ms. Mattson states that this budget is preliminary and not actual and will change once they know how many students and teachers are attending next year. Mario Rezai moves to approve the motion as presented. Calvert Webster seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

Policies - No Policies

Grants - No grants to discuss

Gifts - There was a gift of footballs from Findlay Toyota.

VI - PUBLIC COMMENTS II

Public Comments II: No comments are given.

VII - ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA PLANNING

- Failure Notices 2/12
- Secondary Dance 2/16
- School Closed President's Day 2/19
- End of 3rd Qtr 3/8
- School Closed - Mid Semester Break 3/11 - 3/26
- Breakfast with Books 3/5- 3/7
- Field Trip to Smith's Center

- Baseball Dress Up Day 3/29
- Parent Teacher Conferences 4/1

VIII - ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: Calvert Webster moves to adjourn the meeting. Mario Rezai seconds the motion. Michelle Alarie calls for a vote. The vote is unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.