



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

4:30 pm

4:33 Call to Order and Establish a Quorum

In attendance: Jess, John, Ryan, Kathy, Kari, Heather

Chari absent.

Elaine Hardwick

Jess motion for approval of Meeting Agenda with the following changes. Kari seconds

Remove

6.10 English Learning Program Policy (if updates needed)

5.1.5 Data Subject Rights and Access Policy (previous Protection and

Privacy of Student Records - waiting to hear what updates need to be made)

5.5.4 Lead Testing Policy (need to create)

Add

Discussion and action of Bylaws

We need to add closed session to discuss director evaluation for a later date.

4:38 PM. All in favor. Motion carries

No Declaration of Conflict of Interest

4:39 PM Kari motions to approve Consent Agenda. John seconds.

Minutes 4-8-24 Board Meeting

4-30-24 Financials

All in favor.

Reports

4:40 PM Grant update from Elaine Hardwick. Overview of what has been submitted and expected award dates. Upcoming grants in Engagement, Enrichment, and Entrepreneurship. Currently there is a grant that focuses on mental health. Elaine is working on locating/purchasing a meeting space and looking for Native mentors at BSU--specifically young men. Also looking for someone trained in SEL (Social Emotional Learning). VES is getting a kiln, which needs to be wired.

4:58 PM Director's Report

Current enrollment at 106. We've had a lot of activity in the past month such as Celebration of Learning, Prom, MAAP Stars, Fundraiser for experiential learning, etc. E-week last week went very well. Kari went on a trip to South Dakota with 28 students and three other staff. Heather and David did "Day Camp" and another group worked on presenting toys/blankets to Great River Rescue. Ryan and five other staff attended the P-cubed conference about project-based learning in the metro area.



Graduation at BSU at 6:00 on **May 30, 2024** .

Staff retreat is set for late June. Restorative practices training in early June.

Summer school will be in mid-July.

No Public Comments

5:10 PM Information/Discussion Items

6.4.1 Release Time for Religious Events & Accommodations. There is some question as to the intent behind phrases such as “observe holidays.”

6.1 Grading and Graduation Policy: Reflects current processes that were added to the student handbook. Percentages and credit totals were adjusted prior to the 2023-2024 school year. Section VI on Credit Recovery needs to be adjusted to clarify HS/MS requirements for moving to a higher level. Perhaps some of the wording can be moved up to section III on Academics. The percentages are also incorrect.

Section removed from Grading and Graduation requirements as we review how to adjust the wording. This policy needs to be revisited during the summer months so it can be adjusted in the upcoming student handbook.

4.1.3 Criminal Background Checks Policy. There are suggested edits by Osprey Wilds for the sake of clarification. What is the VES policy of disposal for this paperwork? The policy states that volunteers must pay for their own background checks. We need to clarify what is necessary. Ryan and Jess adjusted the wording.

6.11 E-Learning Day Policy. Wording was adjusted to fit VES circumstances.

5:54 PM Board training requirements and recording: All board members must provide certificates showing that they have completed required training. Returning board members must re-do financial training. New board members must complete 3. Need to check with Opsrey regarding being out of compliance with board position requirements.

Bylaws were submitted for legal review. Items in red need to change based on

changes via the Minnesota Department of Education.

We need to add a closed session to discuss director evaluation. TBD.

E. Board Committees

- ◆ Financial Committee
- ◆ Scholarship Committee-graduation hotline, 100% grad rate
- ◆ Election Committee
- ◆ Director Evaluation Committee



F. Action Items

- ◆ 6.4.1 Release Time for Religious Events & Accommodations Kari makes motion, Jess seconds. all approve
- ◆ 6.1 Grading and Graduation Policy John Eggers, Jess Saucedo. All approve.
- ◆ 4.1.3 Criminal Background Checks Heather motion, Jess second all approve
- ◆ 6.11 E-Learning Day Policy Jess Heather motion
- ◆ Certify Election Results Heather, Kari motion carries
- ◆ Bylaws Heather, Jess motion carries

Board Assessment and Development

G. Board Training

- ◆ [MN Charter School Leadership Report - April 2024](#)

H. Adjourn the meeting Kari makes motion to adjourn at 6:04, Jess seconds.

**Next Board Meeting
June 10, 2024 @ 4:30 PM**