



Voyageurs Expeditionary School Board Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2024, 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.

Call to Order and Establish a Quorum ~ 4:37pm. Jess called the meeting to order with 4 members present, quorum established

Present: Jess Saucedo, Kari Olson, Chari Laduke-Clark, Austin Claseman,

Staff Present: Ryan Haasch, Kathy Skinner

Absent: Gene Porter, John Eggers

Approval of Meeting Agenda ~ Jess moved to make changes to the agenda concerning policy review and approval, including tabling several policies; Kari seconded, MCU

Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none raised

- A. Consent Agenda:** Consent agenda items are considered routine in nature and will be voted upon with a single motion; however, any board member may request that items on the Consent Agenda be removed from it for independent consideration. Any items so identified will be moved to the Action Item portion of the agenda.

- Minutes Sept 12. 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
- September, 2024 Financials ~ review new spreadsheets and discussion on year to date(actual) budget versus yearly budget totals

Chari moved to approve the consent agenda; Kari seconded; MCU

How Well Are Students Doing?

B. Directors' Reports

- Ryan is at required conference/meeting this week.
- Enrollment is full
- Just had e-week, lots of great sessions for students including quillwork
- Middle school went to Deep Portage. Issues with bussing reported to District
- Student workers through the grant program



- Shar resigned and Kathy and Toni are splitting up some of the job duties.

Is Everything Occurring Appropriately?

C. Public Comments: Any person wishing to speak directly to the Board, once recognized by the board chair, may do so for up to 5 minutes. The public input period will last no longer than 5 minutes.

No public comments.

D. Board Committees

- Finance Committee - meeting held October 16. Reviewed items to include with the lease aid application

E. Discussion & Action Items

- Lease Aid: Discussion on need and grant application. Motion by Kari to approve the lease aid application of \$178,704. Seconded by Jess. MCU
- Motion by Jess to review Charter assurances. Seconded by Chari. MCU
- School Board Goals as discussed during the board retreat. Planning and support of the Executive Director for the school year. Motion by Kari to approve the four goals. Seconded by Jess. MCU
- 2023-2024 Annual Report is presented. Motion by Jess to approve annual report with contingency of completion of data compilations. Seconded by Austin. Further discussion. MCU
- Library Policy. Motion by Kari to approve policy as presented although we don't have a library. Seconded by Jess. MCU

Board Assessment and Development

G. Board Training

- MACS - [Board and Administrator Training Requirements](#)
- Talk about upcoming deadlines for newly appointed board members.

H. Adjourn the meeting - Kari moved to approve to adjourn at 5:59 pm; Jess seconded.
MCU

Next Board Meeting
November 14, 2024 ~ 4:30 PM