

**Meeting Minutes for the Excellence in Academic
Program Advisory Committee
The Experiential School of Greensboro**
Wednesday, May 15th, 2019 5:30pm
301 S Church Greensboro, NC 2nd Floor Boardroom

Present: Yacine Kout, Joanna Lower, Ben Francisco, Haylee Blauert, Heather Moore, and Melissa Bocci, Jeannette Alarcon

Yacine Kout called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Yacine Kout called for a motion to approve the agenda. Ben Francisco motioned, Joanna Lower seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – there was no public comment.

Old Business

- Rewording of committee by laws (pasted below) – Jeannette Alarcon suggested a revision to the bylaws to better reflect the purpose and practices of the Excellence in Academic Programs Advisory Committee. Everyone was in agreement. There was discussion about needed revisions. Also, recognition that bylaw changes much take on their own process with the governance committee and the board. A proposed draft including name change based on the discussion follows for consideration.

Academic Excellence Committee

This committee ensures TESSG's mission and vision fidelity. The responsibilities of this committee include monitoring academic programming, contributing to Professional Development programming, ensuring consistent messaging within and outside the school, and participating in hiring teaching staff.

The committee is composed of at least 7 members including at least two board members (must be an even number for voting purposes), the two co directors, two faculty members nominated by the co-directors (one from K-4 and one from 5-8), and one other individual who can contribute to the work of the committee (nominated by the 6 other members). Nominated members shall then be appointed by the Board President. Members of this committee can serve up to three years (except for co-directors).

- Discussion and decision on committee facilitation during the summer

Yacine Kout shared that he will be working in Texas for the summer and will not be available to do the work of this committee. Jeannette Alarcon agreed to chair the committee in Yacine Kout's absence.

New Business

- Discussion of candidates for staff positions

Yacine Kout called for a motion to go into closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, or condition of appointment of a prospective employee in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).) Joanna Lower motioned, Jeannette Alarcon seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously. We entered closed session at 6:10 and existed at 6:30 p.m.

Yacine Kout called for a motion to approve the hiring decisions made during closed session.

Ben Franciso motioned, Jeannette Alarcon seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements – none

Yacine Kout called for a motion to adjourn. Jeannette Alarcon motioned, Joanna Lower seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously. We adjourned at 6:31 p.m.