

Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors
The Experiential School of Greensboro
Tuesday, September 12th, 2023
5:30pm
Virtual/Zoom (Meeting ID: 856 6568 3740, Passcode: 222690)

Present: Leila Villaverde, Roy Carter, Carl Lashley, Fred Adams, David Jarmon, Travis Laughlin

Guests: Beth Meyer, Kristen Lowe, Kristen Kevorkian, Callie

Leila Villaverde called the meeting to order at 5:36 and apologized for the delay.

Approval of Agenda

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the agenda. Joanna motioned to approve the agenda, Roy Carter seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the August minutes. Roy Carter motioned to approve the August minutes, Joanna Lower seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Report from Executive Director

David Jarmon shared, on behalf of the staff, we want to thank the Board for your generous show of appreciation with the Coffee truck! Everyone was able to enjoy a sweet treat and a delicious beverage prior to the Open House.

Open House

Open House was held on Monday, August 28, 2023 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. We were thrilled to have some returning partners with us to share with families what support they offer. Representatives from The Center for Visual Arts and the Community Theater of Greensboro were present.

MTSS Support

The MTSS team has begun webinars with MTSS personnel to get us trained and equipped with strategies to support academic growth in math to students who show a need.

Staffing Report

Presently, we are fully staffed.

Crisis Plan Update

The Leadership Team got together and updated the Crisis plan for this school year. We conducted our first safety drill today (fire drill) and provided evacuation maps for each teacher in each house as well as the artists' classrooms. A document outlining changes in the Crisis Plan has been provided for your review.

Professional Development

The staff has had PD in Kikori, Experiential Education and Responsive Classroom. There is evidence of the training being observed in classrooms. Monthly calendars are shared with teachers to give them a resource for Kikori activities they can do during morning meeting and/or closing circle.

Curriculum and Teaching

Currently, teachers have been going over rules and regulations and working on unit plans for the 1st trimester. There are lessons and activities being developed that incorporate the pillars, experiential education and responsive classroom. The CF, admin and lead teachers have been reviewing lesson plans and providing feedback to get lesson planning on track and also aligned with the pillars.

Safety Drills

Our first fire drill of the year was conducted today, 9/12/23 @ 9:30 a.m. It was an announced drill. It will be the only announced fire drill of the school year. It will be repeated next week, to try a new method that may be faster and safer.

Joanna Lower thanked David Jarmon for providing an outline of the changes in the Crisis Plan and asked for a copy of the full document to review. David Jarmon concurred. Leila Villaverde added that we would review and vote on at the next Board meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

- Finance Committee report – Leila Villaverde shared that Greg Bush was called away for work and so for him she shared that the finance committee met last week and reviewed the enrollment shortfall. The Board is studying the budget and forecasting changes. Leila Villaverde also shared that the state had not yet passed the budget which was also under consideration, and addition to the challenge.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

1. Leila Villaverde called for a motion to go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. Fred Adams motioned to go into closed session for the reasons stated, Roy Carter seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried

unanimously. We entered closed session at 5:47 pm and returned to open session at 6:36 pm.

Announcements

- David Jarmon shared that Jennifer Smith was awarded a grant for sneakers for all Go Far Club runners at TESH.
- Joanna Lower shared that she, David Jarmon, and Beth Meyer met with Scuppernon Books and they are partnering with TESH for a book fair and literacy nights at TESH in October. Joanna Lower also noted the fall swag sale was around the corner.
- Carl Lashley noted that he appreciated the coverage about school on the TESH Facebook page. He noted he appreciated the spontaneous images and seeing the great things and energy for the school and community.

Adjourn

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to adjourn. Roy Carter motioned to adjourn the meeting, Travis Laughlin seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.