** BOARD MEETING AGENDA MINUTES**

Tuesday October 15 2019

6:00pm–7:30pm

Exploration High School

229 13th Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413 (2nd floor)

**Mission:** Built upon a foundation of academic excellence and a mindset to drive change, Exploration High School graduates are empowered with 21st century skills to solve the problems in their communities.

**Vision:** Creating a school of self-driven learners who collaboratively work to solve problems in their community of intrinsic interest and external value.

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| **Agenda Item** | **Purpose** | **Action** | **Who** | **Materials** | **Time** |
| 1. Convene, introductions, and   read aloud Mission & Vision | Approve minutes | Vote | Stephen | Agenda | 6:00 |
| 2. New Board Candidates -  a) Hibo Ali  b) Jon Bacal | Board growth | Vote | Nathan | Written statements | 6:05 |
| 3. Community Engagement  Committee Report | Update & plan | Discussion | Sam | Exploration Google Spreadsheet | 6:15 |
| 4. Facilities Committee Report | Update | None | Shawn | Update form | 6:45 |
| 5. Finance Committee Report  - D&O Insurance  - Accounting | Discussion | Discussion & Vote | Nathan | TAG agreement | 6:55 |
| 6.  Next Board Events  - 2 regular board meetings  on11/19, 12/17  - Monthly committee meeting  - Coordinate Strategic   Planning session | Planning | Discussion | Stephen and Nathan | None | 7:10 |
| 7. Break into Committees  - Set action items / goals  - Find time for 30 min Zoom  between now and 11/19 | Create action items | Committee leader identifies next steps | All | None | 7:20 |
| 8.  Adjourn |  | Vote | Stephen | None | 7:30 |

**Updates**:

**Facilities**: Shawn has been leading communication with the Archdiocese legal team and church to come to a lease agreement. The pre-operational lease is nearly finalized.

**Funding**: We have finalized our Amazon Smile account for Exploration, so if you use Amazon please sign up for the free service to donate 0.5% of all your purchases to Exploration High School. We are continuing to cultivate relationships with Bush Foundation, Great Minnesota Schools, and New Schools Venture Fund for additional resources. The latter two require an *identified* founding director to be considered for start-up funding. We are pursuing other ways to get smaller donations (monetary and otherwise) from Sheridan Neighborhood Organization, Kids in Need, and The Exchange Club.

**Students**: Nathan and Sam met in September with leaders at New City School, a thriving K-8 charter school that is roughly 5 blocks away from Exploration High School. They share many educational values as us and will be partners to cultivate enrollment. Sam has built many inroads with Minnesota Council for Gifted and Talented, and we are presenting at their annual conference on November 2. Sam met Jim from St. Cyril, and we are invited to present to families after a 10:30 service. Jim is also introducing Sam to Immaculate Conception School leadership for potential students. We are building our Youth Led Design Team and looking to start programming as soon as January.

**Logistics:**

Identifying a founding director is a high priority of the board

U of M student Andy is designing an updated website

Aditi Lal is the first official member of our National Advisory Council. She recently finished grad program at Soka University of America in Education and Societal Change.

**Committees:**

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| **Committee** | **Pre-Operational Purpose with immediate action** | **Leader** | **Members** |
| Community Engagement, Marketing, and Recruiting | Raise awareness in community of ExHS and get students and families interested and enrolled.  Action: Month-by-month action steps to launch. | Sam | Nathan |
| Facilities | Conduct facilities search. Seek partnerships for potential space agreement.  Action: Follow up with Emily and Jim at St. Cyril | Shawn | Nathan  Sam |
| Finance | Reviews and approves budgets and spending. Seeks additional funding streams.  Action: Review/clarify procedures from procurement policy | Kelly | Nathan  Mari |
| Governance | Maintains compliance and fiduciary requirements. In charge of initial hiring. Proposes board policies.  Action: Figure out plan to execute fair and open hiring | Stephen Kemp | Eileen  Steve Owen |