

Great Expectations School  
Growing Hearts and Minds, One Child at a Time  
**Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School**  
**Thursday, August 16, 2018 4:00 p.m.**

- 1 Call to Order at 4:08 pm
  - 1.1 Attendance <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
  - 1.2 Check-In
- 2 Reading of the Mission: The mission of the school is to develop in each child: a love of learning; critical and creative thinking skills; mastery of the academic building blocks; the ability to nurture family, friends and self; a strong commitment to being a contributing member of a community; open-heartedness toward others; and a passion for lifelong learning. <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
- 3 Approval of Agenda - Motion by Suzy. Second by Lee. All in favor. Motion approved.
- 4 Consent Agenda <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>
  - 4.1 Approve Minutes - May & June. Motion by Carolyn. Second by Lee. All in favor. Motion approved.
  - 4.2. Approve Expenditures, Deposits and Fund Transfers
- 5 Treasurer's Report <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> Beth reports that cash flow is good. This is the earliest we have paid back our line of credit, since she has been here. Beth and Pete answered questions on accrual basis cash flow. This year's audit took place this week and went well, overall.
- 7 Director's Report - Enrollment is on track so far. New Bear Cubs met on the playground yesterday for a play date.

A donation of adult and child snow shoes was made by a parent.

Motion to approve changes to cell phone and student attendance policies presented at our last meeting by Carolyn, second by Lee. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to approve new staff: Christina Gatzke, SpEd teacher, Kelsey Knollmueller, SpEd para, and Teresa Kangas, ASL interpreter, by Mike. Second by Anne. All in favor. Motion passed.

7.1 Environmental Ed

7.2 Academics - Embargoed MCA results can be shared next month.

7.3 Grants - See New Business.

8 Committee Reports

8.1 Facilities - Construction is moving ahead quickly now that the new modular unit has been installed. Classrooms are being cleaned as spaces are ready. We are waiting for the city to bring in a new transformer for electricity. The electrician is on board to finish the electric installation. Plumbing will be brought in from the existing modular unit. Data and phones are set for hook up next week. Gravel is on site for parking lots and paths. To be graded. A punch list will be created to finish the remaining tasks and those brought forward last spring.

8.2 Policy - Pete will divide tasks that need to be completed/addressed and when.

8.3 Personnel - A deaf and hard of hearing teacher will be online, with an ASL interpreter, on-site as well as a paraprofessional. A new SpEd teacher and paraprofessional were also hired. Housing is an issue for hiring new staff.

8.4 Board Development - Anne (and Eric) attended Audobon training: Teaching with Mother Nature, to re-commit to environmental training. Anne is excited to consider planning a weekly full day in the woods with her class. She would also like to expand environmental learning into the community as service projects.

8.5 Recruitment - Communications Task Force: Lisa Gergets, and Kate Fitzgerald. New website creation: Dylan Dragswiek and Amanda Plummer. Volunteer Task Force : In process. Facilities Task Force: Board and Foundation. Maintenance Committee: TBD, Finance Committee: Yafa Napadensky and TBD. Personnel Committee: In process. New Board Members: In process. Governance Committee: In process. Hopes are to have the first committee/task force meeting in September, with a similar format for each committee.

9 Pillars discussion - Narrative to come naturally, with time, as things move forward.

10. New Business - Lloyd K Johnson grant visit went well. We should hear if it is approved after their board meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

11. Upcoming Actions -

11.1 Carolyn presenting on a topic for board development at the 9/6/18 committee mtg

11.2 Change October Board meeting – it falls during MEA.

11.3 Things to report to staff: Request input on committee formations; Grant writer funding, in process.

12. Check-out

13. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Mike, at 5:45 pm.

GES Board meetings are open to all. While guests may not participate during the business meeting, our host team is available to visit, answer questions, and discuss your issues 15 minutes prior to each meeting. We invite you to share your ideas, suggestions, and concerns with our hosts during this time.