

Great Expectations School

Growing Hearts and Minds, One Child at a Time

Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment Period: Nina Simonowicz, Kate Fitzgerald-Wells

In Attendance: Dylan Dragswiek, Carolyn Fritz, Linda Garrity, Mike Carlson, Alyssa Hedstrom, Pete, James, Beth Ferry, Suzy Schweig.

1. Call to Order at 4:05

1.1 Attendance

1.2 Check-In

1. 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.

Carolyn read the mission.

1. Approval of Agenda

Suzy moves, Mike seconded.

1. Request from Explorer's Club

Kate Fitzgerald-Wells explained that Explorers Club is looking for a new spot in GES during the summer months. The mission of the club seems to jive well with GES' philosophy. Emphasis on the environment and social-emotional skills. In a supportive environment the kids are able to challenge themselves through leadership opportunities. Pete let everyone know that we don't own the building, the foundation does who leases it to us. Therefore, we cannot sublease it to anyone else.

Motion made by Linda Garrity and Mike Carlson to allow the Explorers Club to use the space during the summer months of 2017. Motion carries.

The board will direct Beth to create an agreement between GES and the Explorers Club.

1. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Alyssa and Carolyn to approve the consent agenda.

5.1 Approve Minutes

5.2 Approve Expenditures, Deposits and Fund Transfer

1. Treasurer's Report

1. Close Look at Budget 2018

Mike reviewed the budget to actual. Beth reviewed the 2018 budget.

7. Director's Report

Pete let him know that Responsive Classroom training for Cook County is being funded by Lloyd K. Johnson Fund grant for \$20,000. There are so many wonderful volunteers that have been coming and will join our students for enrichment opportunities.

Suzy moved and Carolyn seconded to approve the hiring of Kati Stieler as an elementary teacher for next fall. Ayes all.

8. Committee Reports

7.1 Policy

7.1.1 Employee Handbook

This is the second reading of the employee handbook.

7.2 Personnel Update

7.2.1 Recognition for departing staff

The board will be discussing at the committee meeting what we will do for volunteers and departing staff.

7.2.2 Sub License discussion

7.2.3 Director Review

7.3 Communications

7.3.1 Volunteer Thank You

8. New Business

GES Pancake Breakfast

9. Upcoming Actions

10. Check-out

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

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.