



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

MEETING NAME: <i>Board of Directors</i>	Meeting called to order by: Mike Engeldinger	MEETING DATE & TIME: July 17, 2018 @ 6:15 pm	Guests in attendance:
MTG LOCATION: NSA Learning Lab	Time Meeting adjourned @:	MTG FACILITATOR: Interim Board Chair	
Board Member, Position:	Present	Board Member, Position:	Present
Mike Engeldinger, Interim Chair	Present	Heather Owen, Parent Member	ABS
Katrina Nichols, Secretary	Present	Andrew Wirtz, Parent Member	Present
Kate Maki, Parent Member	Present		
LEGEND: P = Present / C = Call in		Quorum meets (.50) of (4 +1), rounded to the next wholenumber = 3; Members Present =	

Natural Science Academy Mission

- Academic achievement through study and exploration of the natural world.

Natural Science Academy Vision

- Through its "Nature Immersion" curriculum, the Natural Science Academy (NSA) will:
 - Provide an exemplary elementary science program
 - Cultivate and grow each student's connection to the natural world
 - Foster creative and critical thinking
 - Create and sustain a safe, supportive, nurturing community in which to learn, explore, and grow

I. Call meeting to order-

6:15

Meeting called to order by Mike Engeldinger

II. Visitors & Non-agenda Items-

Results of MDE investigation--no corrective action needed. Reconsideration period expired, so this is final.

III. Approval of the Agenda-

6:20 Wirtz moves to approve, Maki seconds. Ayes are unanimous.

IV. Consent Items- Note that consent items are items to be approved via a single motion. However, individual items may be motioned to be moved to the Discussion/Action items section.

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b. Approve EdVisions Co-Operative Contract

6:26 Wirtz moves to approve, Maki seconds, ayes unanimous.

V. Discussion/Action Items

a. Follow-up from last month's discussion regarding Notice of Concern Letter & FY17 Academic Performance Evaluation from Audubon Center of the North Woods (ACNW) & FY17 Financial Performance Evaluation from ACNW

6:26 Discussion of this item moved to V. d, goals presentation.

b. Review & Revise the NSA Board Calendar of Events to familiarize the new board members

6:27 Engeldinger suggests attaching this to board packets here on out. Maki thinks that's a good idea.

Maki asks to revisit calendar dates after attending board training.

Maki moves to revisit this at August meeting, Nichols seconds, ayes unanimous.

c. Staff Update & Upcoming School Year Items

6:42 Hunding reports enrollment is 94 currently. Hired 2 new teachers who seem like good fits. Maki asks if they've met co-teachers. They have not yet.

Wirtz asks for clarification on staff update. Hunding and Nichols are leaving in classroom positions. Roles will be explained after academic goals presentation, because

d. Academic Goals Progress Presentation

6:45 Hunding presents academic data presentation:

Clarifies statutory purposes

Reminded board of where we are in the contract period (1st of 3 years just concluded)

Explained 3 measurements--curriculum-based measures, NWEA MAP, MCA

Explained goal in environmental literacy, and shared data in pie chart. 59% exceed, 19 % approach

Explained curriculum-based goals and how they are computed. Wirtz and Engeldinger say keep the way we calculate it the same. Data shown. Engeldinger conclude:

Maki asks what science targets are based on, Hunding answers NGSS.

Reading goals explained. Met proficiency target, but not growth.

Math goals explain. Neither proficiency or growth targets met. Maki asks if this will be in the annual report. Yes, it will be.

Science goals explained. Both goals met.

Writing goals explained--we chose to report on this; we were not required to. We want them to grow by 1 SS point over the year.

Most students met writing growth target in all types. Aggregate was 62%

Overall, in aggregate, students achieved higher proficiency than growth. In math and reading goals, we only met one--the reading proficiency goal.

Action steps -- literacy and math professionals outside of the classroom and moving to EL curriculum. Hunding and Nichols are moving into those positions.

Engeldinger is happy to see more emphasis in math because he sees connection to science and sees more value in it. Wirtz shares he's heard parent concerns about t

Maki shares that she's hopeful for how two out of classroom professionals will add to collaboration.

Engeldinger is hopeful that the change will help balance administrative issues.

Wirtz asks what happens to these positions if enrollment drops. LaFerriere explains we're looking at this as a one-year program investing in pro. Dev in these areas to

Wirtz asks if this plan is something we have to submit to Audubon. Hunding explains that we've met with them and explained it in person and will provide any inform:

e. Board appointment

7:33 Zach Fjelstad would like to be appointed. The reason we're gonna need another board member immediately is because Kate need to resign due to doing paid office w