

Natural Science Academy

A school named for environmentalist Michael Frome

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NSA Vision: To develop a "green" school for children where the facility, operations, and educational program reflect a commitment to the natural environment.

Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

6:15 p.m.

Meeting Location: NSA

I. Call to order

The Board Meeting of Natural Science Academy was called to order at 6:25 PM on February 17, 2015.

Members Present: Jennifer Strong, Patrick Downs, Laura Duffey, Penny Barnes

Ex-officio: Traci LaFerriere- Business Manager, Kendra Hunding- Ex-officio

Members and Ex-officio Absent: Suzanne Fried

Visitors: Laura Ferguson

Reading of the NSA Vision

b. Penny Barnes read the vision.

c. Recognize Richard Thomas for donations of learning materials for the school.

II. Visitors/Non-agenda Items

None

III. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Penny Barnes, seconded by Jennifer Strong, motion passes.

IV. Consent Items

The following items were approved with a single vote:

Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2015; Approval of Strategic Planning Minutes of January 27, 2015.

Moved by Jennifer Strong, seconded by Penny Barnes, motion passes.

V. Discussion/Action Items

a. Review of Administrator Evaluation Tool:

Kendra Hunding provided an updated version of the evaluation tool. Penny Barnes moved to approve the evaluation tool, seconded by Laura Duffey, motion passes.

b. Plan for Board Member Nominations:

The board discussed establishing staggered terms for each board member to be elected at the annual meeting. The teacher board member position will be a one year term.

c. Plan for Annual Meeting:

The board discussed the details for planning the annual meeting.

VI. Reports

a. Financial Report:

The board reviewed the January Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Cash Flow Schedule, and Payment Register.

b. Administrator Report:

NSA students finished Winter MAP testing.

The 4th and 5th grade Otters went on their annual Audubon Center of the North Woods trip.

While at Audubon, the Otters accomplished Zero Food Waste at every meal for the duration of their trip.

Today, the staff took a tour of Shepard Farm in Cottage Grove as a place for the kids to visit.

c. Mission Moment:

Same as above.

VII. Board/Committee Action/Deadlines

Patrick will research expulsion at other schools so that a policy and procedures can be created.

Jennifer Strong will reserve the cafeteria for the May 19th Annual Meeting.

Board Members will come to the next meeting with names for nominees for the board.

At the next meeting, we will finalize the details of the annual meeting.

The next board meeting will be pushed back one week for Tuesday, March 24th at 6:15 p.m. at NSA.

VIII. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted,
Jennifer Strong, Teacher Board Member