

Board Members

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October 3, 2017

6:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Next Charter School, 5 Hood Road, Derry NH 03038

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6:35 pm

- a. Roll Call- All present except for Brenda Willis, MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian, Derick Anderson, Adam Burch, Jake Crowley arrived at 6:40. Shannon Hudson left at 7:00

Visitors include Dahlia Bugley, and parents of student presenters.

Jen Lague, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, introduced potential board member, Craig Cerino. Craig is a parent of a student currently enrolled at Next.

Motion made by Katie Anderson to nominate Craig Cerino for a 1 year term as a Next Charter School Board member. Seconded by Jen Lague. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Governance: Consent Agenda Items - Action

- a. Approval of [9.5.17 meeting minutes](#)
- b. [August Financial Statements](#)

Motion made by Jen Lague to approve all Consent Agenda Items. Seconded by Nichole Reimer. Katie Anderson and Craig Cerino abstained from vote.

3. Student Presentation - Discussion

Joe Crawford introduced three first year students at Next. Each student shared why they had chosen Next, and how the transition has been for them. One student had been at GHH and had come to Next for numerous lunches, one had been at WRBMS and knew about Next, and the other, non Derry student, had followed Next from its beginning, and after being placed on the waitlist last year, had been offered a seat at Next. All agreed that the group was welcoming and the transition had been fairly easy. Katie Anderson, acknowledging that it was early in the year, asked the students to consider the concept of no fixed deadlines, submissions, and suggestions to better the work. And also to consider whether the result was better or the same as in a traditional school. When asked by Jen Lague what was planned for after Next, there were hopes for college, law enforcement, the military and possibly engineering.

4. Director's Report - Discussion

- a. Enrollment
 - i. Current

Joe Crawford reported 65 students enrolled at Next, 52 derry/13 non derry. Since the last Board meeting, one Derry student has moved.

- ii. Future

Next has begun receiving applications for next year.

- b. Update on MoU with Pinkerton Academy
 - i. [Updated RSA](#) concerning charter school students

Per Joe Crawford, after the MoU was sent to Pinkerton Academy, the definition of Homeschool students changed, as the law pre-dated charter schools. The Pinkerton board believed that the MoU was no longer needed because a



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charter student is now treated the same as a homeschool student. Joe Crawford believes that an MoU should be in place, regardless, and the Next board agreed, in order to ensure that Next Derry students are afforded the same opportunities as Pinkerton Derry students. Next pays tuition for all Next students to attend Pinkerton classes, including non-Derry students. Further discussion included the possibility of again approaching sending towns regarding tuition along with the possibility of requiring students to take non-Next courses within their district. Joe Crawford noted that town funding for charter schools is a discussion being held statewide.

c. Outreach efforts to middle schools

Joe Crawford is scheduling time for WRB and GHH middle school staff members to visit Next. He has also planned visits to middle school classrooms and to 8th grade lunch at GHH. There is an Information Night planned for October 26, 2017 at Next.

d. [NECAP Science School Results](#)

Results for NECAP test taken last year were received this week. This test is taken by students in their junior year, or third year of high school, and for Next, this test showed improvement from last year. When asked if there was any benefit to the school if teaching was concentrated on this test, Joe Crawford replied that there was not specifically, but it can be good comparison for the school as a whole. The results are posted on the NH DOE website and are also accessible on this Agenda.

e. Director Q&A

There were no questions.

5. Governance: Policy - **Discussion/Action**

a. Second reading of [Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy](#)

Motion made by Nichole Reimer to to approve the Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy. Seconded by Jen Lague. Motion approved unanimously with Craig Cerino abstaining from vote.

6. Governance: Committees - **Discussion**

Katie Anderson clarified Committee Assignments:

Executive Committee:

Katie Anderson
Joe Crawford
Shannon Hudson
Nichole Reimer

Nominating Committee:

Jen Lague (Chair)
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Curriculum Committee:

Adam Burch (Chair)
Jake Crowley
Craig Cerino

Finance Committee

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Nichole Reimer
Derick Anderson

Policy Committee:

Katie Anderson (Chair)
Jen Lague
Brenda Willis

7. Other Business

- Katie Anderson will revisit Strategic Planning at the the next Board meeting
- Jen Lague suggested that the Board invite parents of Next students to a board meeting to share their experiences with a child transitioning to Next.
- Jen Lague would also like to plan a time for the Board to get together for for informal and fun team building
- Dahlia Bugley, PTSA President, gave a brief overview of the PTSA structure including its aim to involve more students this year. Reminded that the the Yankee Candle Fundraiser ends on 10/5, and that purchases can be made online until December.

8. Community Input

- a. Next welcomes input from attending community members according to our policy found [here](#), and accessible from our website, www.nextcharterschool.org.

9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Katie Anderson to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Jen Lague.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Woodes