



PROMONTORY

school of expeditionary learning

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 24, 2021

At 7:00PM

Trustees:

Mindy Johnson
Michelle Flynn
Dorothy Dobson
Amber Edelman
Zach Davis

Director:

Visitors:

Officers:

Karen Braithwaite

Call to order: 7:08pm

Welcome/Mission Statement/Pledge: Zac Davis 7:09-7:10

Public Comment- Todd Christensen IT provider 9yrs. Good experience wish, RFP went better, wished us the best of luck!

Business Items: Mindy- Policies are not required but strongly recommended but best to have in place since everything in the codes are required.

One code mentions the board must approve what it taught in US History. R277 requires the board to oversee quite a bit.

Karen- enjoyed Zac's resources from email, we teach the National Anthem in Kinder, add more historical fiction in the library, more diverse, classics... The kids' lesson should be building, each year the learning grows off of previous learnings. Good to give teachers more than just state standards for guidance.

Dorothy-We need to teach kids to think critically, we have to give them things to think about, not just feed it to them like older education models. It's good to "question". Define "patriot" Define "Equity" Don't take the autonomy from the teachers with these policies.

Amber- We have come so far as a nation. Equity and equality are different. Can't have one without the other. Positivity in equity but equality is the American dream.

Zac- What are we worried about them questioning?

Mindy- find the common ground and what we want to accomplish as a committee

Read from the US History living Document (Charter and Rules and codes)

Define "equity" for us, what we are comfortable with. We liked the UT definition.

US History Committee and Policy committee will write 4 new policies

*Pledge, flag, Symbolism Policy- Freedom to opt out, taught in K, what the symbolism mean, respect

*Educational Equity Policy- We will copy the state's policy closely to use as our own, teachers must be taught educational equity.

*Instruction in American History Policy- 53G-10-302 Classroom instruction, LEA reviews curricula, How do we address "2b" Town hall meeting? Pop board person? Public comment at the meeting? Parents on committee? "5" No censorship of religion when in reference to history, very important. Ask Jennifer and Gwen for a curriculum.

*Civic and Character Ed. Policy- Each grade has a different historical document, event?.

Homework:

Dorothy- look into History curriculum for our school k-8 that meet State standards,

Dorothy will look into resources from Edith Bowen

Michelle- Have the first two policies done by Aug 4.

Have Nancy update website R277-475-4 C

Ask Jennifer about Pledge Waiver

Jennifer and Gwen can submit to board

7:32 Role call

Side Note: Find new chairs for boardroom

Next US History Committee meeting August 4th 7pm (Wednesday)

9:20PM Adjournment

Motion-Mindy

2nd-Dorothy