



Draft of the MeANS Mission Statement – revised 2/10/15

MeANS offers the public a student centered, staff guided high school whose purpose is to inspire and engage students. We welcome a diverse range of students including those whose previous learning environment has not inspired them to fulfill their potential as learners, those who have become profoundly disconnected from their education as well as those who have a passion for the school's themes of agriculture, forestry and sustainability.

MeANS expects to graduate young adults who have developed positive habits of heart and mind, and greater self-direction. MeANS students will complete their education more responsible, more hopeful, and healthier than when they enrolled, and with a plan that includes work, further education, training, adventure and/or service to others.

MeANS accomplishes its purpose by

- building strong, positive relationships between students and staff, and fostering a tight-knit school community rooted in mutual respect among all members;
- utilizing hands-on learning, the natural sciences, and a highly individualized curriculum to challenge each student to stretch to his or her full potential, and to develop personal interests;
- utilizing the natural world, our local community, and access to the Community College System as motivating and enriching learning environments.



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From: Kautz, Bob
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 1:19 PM
To: Shelley Reed, Chair (shelleys.reed@gmail.com); 'Bird John'
Cc: Lavallee, Deanne
Subject: FW: Means Mission Statement Rewrite
Attachments: Draft of Mission Statement.pdf

Hi Shelley and John,
Attached to this email is a MeANS Board approved change to their mission statement.
Here is their current mission statement:

Mission of the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences

The Maine Academy of Natural Sciences ("MeANS") provides an inspiring and inclusive learning environment primarily for students who are under-engaged and at risk of dropping out of high school. Students learn through an individualized, project-based approach rooted in the themes of agriculture, forestry and the environment. Our core values will be respect, responsibility and service to the community. Providing multiple pathways to graduation for under-engaged and underperforming students, the academy utilizes an individualized, hands-on, project-based approach to learning that is rooted in the themes of agriculture, forestry and the environment.

In the attachment you can read the new version. It seems to be good, however yur thoughts are important. Any change to the mission statement is a material amendment to their charter and needs Commission approval.

Your thoughts and questions, please.
Bob

From: Emanuel Pariser [<mailto:emanuel@gwi.net>]
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 11:44 AM
To: Kautz, Bob
Cc: Rob Moody; Troy Frost
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Hi Bob,
our board has just approved a revision of our mission statement to tighten up the wording and clarify our intent.

I am attaching it for your perusal. Any comments are welcome.

Enjoy the weekend - it's almost here!

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