

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

1615 Highland Avenue

Eureka, CA 95503

6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kellie Leahy, Carole Porter, Brad Woodward, Kathy Ortiz

Representatives Present: Lorraine Parnell

Director: Jenni Allen San Giovanni

Guests: Jenifer Doane (Admin. Assist)

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Brad Woodward at 6:31.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Kellie Leahy made a motion to approve the November Minutes, October Warrants, November Warrants, and the hiring of Teachers Aide Rebecca Lewis.. Carole Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0..

CORRESPONDANCE / COMMUNICATION

- Governance Council seat declared vacant. Nicole Goodwin Durbin resigned from her position on the Governance Council via email to Brad Woodward on the evening of November 4th @ 6:10pm.
- School Trustee Workshop (flier attached).

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time.

REPORTS

- Directors Report: Current enrollment is 215 students, 17 of the 215 are SPED. School is running well with business as usual.
- Leadership Team Report: The team has been using a strategic planning worksheet to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the school. There will be a gift making workshop on December 19th with a choir performance to follow.

ACTION ITEMS

- Kellie Leahy made a motion to approve the 1st Interim Budget. Kathy Ortiz seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.
- Kellie Leahy made a motion to approve the 2007-2008 Audit. Carole Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Resolution #8 was written stating that Alder Grove Charter School is doing ongoing business with Emerald Coast Computing. The resolution will be distributed at the February 2009 meeting for approval.
- The Governance Council will approve all Emerald Coast Computing Invoices prior to payment. This will be a regular monthly consent item.
- The roles and/or duties of the Governance Council members were discussed.
- A discussion was held regarding what the requirements will be for filling vacant Governance Council seats. It was proposed that prospective Governance Council members be required to write a ballot statement, attend 1 orientation Governance Council Meeting, and attend a brief question and answer session with a current Governance Council member.
- The vacant Governance Council seat will be advertised in the next Alder Grove newsletter. Should there be no response to the newsletter the Governance Council will then pursue other avenues to fill the position.
- Marie Twibell the Superintendent / Principal of South Bay Union School District has submitted an inquiry regarding the outcome of the November 2008 closed session. A response will be prepared that will include Resolution #8, the closed session outcome statement, legal determination for teachers' bonuses, and legal determination of conflict of interest regarding Emerald Coast Computing.
- There will be a dinner on Sunday, January 11th for Governance Council Members and their spouses. More information to follow.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / NEXT MEETING

- Approval of Resolution #8
- Distribution of response to Marie Twibell
- P1 Report
- Begin process to fill vacant council seat(s).
- Next Governance Council Meeting February 3rd @ 6:30

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:26 PM