

Governance Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 12, 2019 @ 10:30 am
714 F St, Eureka, CA 95501

Our Mission is to Provide Students with Personalized Learning and to Support Parental Choice in Education

Governance Council Members Present: Vicki Barry, Matt Wilton, Geri Emberson, Kurt Stoffel

Governance Council Members Absent: Salena Glass

Certificated Staff Present: Susan Stein, Stefani Gambrel, Nicole Dollarhide, Jennifer Burtram

Director Present: Tim Warner

Classified Staff / Guests: Jenifer Doane

- I. Meeting Called Order: 10:32 am
- II. Review Agenda: No revisions to agenda
- III. Public Comment / Correspondence / Communication

Kurt Stoffel mentioned that the Weott Charter School in Southern Humboldt is almost “a go” with the approval from HCOE. Kurt also shared information on the new Humboldt First Scholarship that is guaranteed to students graduating from high school in Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, and Trinity counties who enroll at HSU starting in Fall 2020. Ninety-two students from Eureka High School are the first to be offered the scholarships.

- IV. Consent Items
 - a. A motion was made to approve the October 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. M/S, Barry/Stoffel, motion carried, 4/0.
 - b. A motion was made to approve the September 2019 Warrant Report M/S, Barry/Wilton, motion carried, 4/0.
- V. Reports
 - a. Student Council Report: The Student Council is working on the holiday party and raised funds for the event thru a bake sale at Arts Alive in Old Town Eureka.
 - b. Enrollment Report: 447 enrolled students. Seventeen families with a combined total of 28 students are on the waiting list from the previous lotteries. There are over 70 parent requests to attend the next orientation. Orientations are not scheduled at this time due to the length of the current waiting list.
 - c. Leadership Team Report: The Leadership Team has been reviewing the School Wellness Policy. The policy is on today’s agenda as an action item for possible approval.
 - d. Director of Special Education Report: The Director of Special Education reviewed the written report provided in the Governance Council packet. Copies of the written report are available by request. Report summary: There are 72 students with Active IEP’s and 39 students with 504 plans. More students with greater special education needs are being seen each year. We have more students enrolling with active IEP’s than those without. The Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Procedural Manual needs to be adopted by next year. Going forward as an independent charter school we will be reporting our special education data separately rather than with our sponsoring district as in the past. A PBIS Program (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) is being implemented. The goal is to make rules clear, known by all and taught. PBIS focus will be on posting rules and training staff to use an effective language to guide students’ behavior.

e. Directors Report:

Tim asked the Council if they wish to continue to receive the written Director's report provided in the monthly meeting packets. The council agreed that they would like to have the Director elaborate more on the "climate" of the school for the prior month at each meeting and provide written recommendations as needed based on agenda items. Nine AGCS Teachers attended the annual A+ conference. The Public Safety Power Shutdown has created the need for an action plan specific to PSPS events. The plan at this point is that if power is still out at 7 p.m. the night before, onsite classes are cancelled for next day. If power is back on by 7 a.m. office staff will report to work. A power bank is being worked on so that staff can charge phones, contact students, etc. Stefani Gambrel is updating our Employee Handbook to bring it up to date. A meeting with HCOE Superintendent, Chris Hartley, took place to discuss possible solutions to Charter issues that may occur in the future.

VI. Discussion and Information

- a. Academic, College and Career & Foster Youth Coordinator Report by Jennifer Burtram: Jennifer gave a detailed report to the council. Copies of the written report were included in the Governance Council packets and are available by request. Report summary: Students taking Advanced Placement (A.P.) will test in May. We have students completing Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways for Intro to Game Design and Health Careers. Discussed in-depth the Humboldt Trades Academy, work readiness workshops, and other college & career related opportunities.
- b. Academic Support and Testing Coordinator Report by Stefani Gambrel: Stefani reported to the council in detail. Copies of the written report were included in the Governance Council packets and are available by request. Report summary: Approximately 130 students qualify for Academic Support and around 100 academic support students are using the new PathBlazer (K-5) and MyPath (6+) programs for support. Interim assessments are being planned. Assessments (MAP / NWEA) are now aligned with common core. GROWTH is emphasized and easy to track with these programs. CAST (the Science assessment) will be released in January. Physical Fitness Test will be in February. The School Wellness Policy incorporates some physical fitness goals. We are looking to boost students' options for accessing physical fitness.
- c. SELPA Procedural Manual – The SELPA manual was discussed. Questions were addressed. The SELPA Manual will be on the December 2019 Agenda as a possible Action item.
- d. 2020-2021 Special Education / School wide Administrative Needs – This item was carried over from the October meeting as a result of the information provided by the Director of Special Education. The council is in the beginning stages of discussion regarding the 2020-2021 Special Education Department needs and the possible need for an Assistant Director of the school.

VII. Action Items

- a. Possible Approval of the School Wellness Policy – A motion was made to approve the School Wellness Policy. M/S, Wilton/Emberson, motion carried, 4/0.

VIII. Future Agenda Items (December 2019)

- a. Possible approval of the SELPA Procedural Manual
- b. PBIS Action Plan (if ready)
- c. Possible Certification of the 1st Interim Budget (Due December 15th)
- d. Possible Certification of Prior Year Audit (Due December 15th)
- e. SARC – January 2020

X. Adjourn to Closed Session Personnel (Pursuant To Gov. Code 54957) - 12:32 pm

- a. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- b. Public Employee Resignation
- c. Public Employee Appointment
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XI. Return to Open Session / Report out – 12:52 pm - Discussion only no action taken.

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XII. Adjournment 12:53 pm.

Approved: Deri Amberson Date: 12/10/19