

Governance Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 10:30am
714 F St. Eureka, CA 95501

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

Governance Council Members Present: Matt Wilton, Geri Emberson, David Turner, Sarah Weltsch

Governance Council Members Absent: none

Certificated Staff Present: Nichole Dollarhide, Stefani Gambrel, Jen Burtram, Susan Stein, Shana Langer

Director Present: Tim Warner

Classified Staff/ Guests: Student Council Members Morgan and Michael

Regular Meeting Agenda

- I. Meeting Called to Order @ 10:39am
- II. Review Agenda
- III. Public Comment/Correspondence/Communication
 - a. Jen Burtram added to the agenda
- IV. Consent Items
 - a. A motion was made to approve the August 2023 Minutes. M/S, Turner/Weltsch, motion carried.
- V. Reports
 - a. Student Council: Busy planning the high school Halloween Party and are hoping to hold the event at the Jefferson Center. They are planning to attend back to school night and sell baked goods to raise money for future events. They are planning on continuing to fundraise with See's candy again this year.
 - b. Enrollment Report: There are 442 enrolled students and a few more are projected to be enrolled soon.
 - c. Leadership Team Report: Leadership Team had low attendance, so they discussed Community School things, like forming an advisory committee, reviewing the survey, etc.
 - d. Director of Operations Report: The August teacher training was attended by over 40 staff members, and many of them said it was the best training they'd ever been to. Stefani has been working closely with office staff to learn more about their routines, roles, and responsibilities, and has insight on where there is room for improvement and more support. She reported that we are seeing an increase in student behavior issues, both in the classroom and at mealtimes, and thus is working with teachers and the SPED department to address these issues. Seven monitors have been trained for the Math Lab/Study Hall. They have been assessing our newly enrolled students and working to build a new culture in Math Lab/Study Hall.

- e. Director of Special Services Report: Nichole highlighted the Alder Grove Charter School Phonics Intervention Program. The goal of this program is to identify students with an elevated risk of reading difficulties in TK, K, and 1st grades. This time of year is focused on completing new housing forms to identify families that qualify for McKinney Vento. Shana Langer, Community School Coordinator, will be the new McKinney Vento liaison under the guidance of Nichole. Monica, our School Psych Intern, has been essential in getting mental health screenings completed. CT's have been a tremendous help in getting this done and supporting the mental health of our students. Lila Taylor is our School Psychologist Fieldwork Student this semester, and she is being supervised by Nichole. She has been a wonderful help to the psych department and Nichole hopes to have more interns in the future.
- f. Superintendent's Report: There have been a lot of meetings, training, and reports. We have received a lot of feedback from teachers that the in-service training was the best ever. There is a very busy class schedule this Fall. Tim has been working with a sound engineer to see if the stage area can have better acoustics. Ten AGCS teachers are joining South Bay teachers and working on a year-long literacy intensive training. We are hosting the A+ Regional Meeting September 22nd.

VI. Discussion/Information:

- a. Governance Council asked for the student council to consider coming up with a school mascot for our school. One recommendation was a Sasquatch.
- b. Governance Council was elected by student council to decorate for the high school Halloween party.

VII. Action Items:

- a. A motion was made to approve the Draft Immunization Policy. M/S, Weltsch/Turner, motion carried, 4/0.

VIII. Future Agenda Items (October 2023)

- a. Ideas for attending SBUSD board meetings

IX. Adjourn to Closed Session Personal (Pursuant to Gov Code 54957)

- a. No closed session this meeting

X. Return to Open Session

XI. Action Taken in Closed Session: N/A

XII. Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting. M/S Weltsch, Emberson motion carried @ 1:13pm

Minutes Prepared by Sarah Weltsch, Secretary

Approved: 11/14/23, 4/0