

Governance Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 14, 2021, @ 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: Matt Wilton, Geri Emberson, Selena Glass, Kurt Stoffel

Governance Council Members Absent:

Certificated Staff Present: Susan Stein, Nichole Dollarhide, Stefani Gambrel

Director Present: Tim Warner

Classified Staff / Guests:

I. Meeting Called to Order @ 10:34

II. Review Agenda - Accepted

III. Public Comment/Communication

A council member made comments including a suggestion that when hiring teachers, more diversity should be kept in mind.

IV. Consent Items

- a. A motion was made to approve holding the December 14, 2021 meeting virtually due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic and health safety concerns. M/S, Passed, 4/0
- b. A motion was made to approve the November 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. M/S, Passed, 4/0
- c. A motion was made to Approve the November 2021 Warrant Report. M/S, Passed, 4/0

V. Reports

- a. Student Council Report: The Student Council fundraised via See's Candy for a few weeks and raised \$300. They will have a booth at the holiday craft party Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>. They are tentatively planning a roller skating event (all grades) for Feb and planning a prom. Student Council students are showing up every week. Governance Council members shared suggestions for spaces in the community that could be potential free prom locations.
- b. Enrollment Report: Steady at 463 (same as Nov.) We had a few early grads and a few who went to different school options, and we filled those spots from the prior lottery.
- c. Director of Special Services Report: AGCS is looking for a part time Resource Teacher to be hired for the 22-23 school year. Caseloads are increasing. The Mindfulness class has been maintaining a donation drive for winter supplies. The Mental Health efforts for staff included surveying staff about mental wellness-promoting opportunities they would find helpful. A Practical Psych Skills class is being offered Term 2 by Nichole and Crystal. Universal Mental Health Screening Surveys for students were returned at too low of a rate (as of week before break) to accomplish intended mental health planning goals. Heather Quigley is new interim acting SELPA Director.

- d. Director's Report: Sponsoring District Administrative Changes: Gary Storts is no longer the Superintendent for South Bay. He accepted a position with Eureka City Schools. Fred Van Vleck Superintendent of Eureka City Schools will be the Acting Interim Superintendent for South Bay. AGCS has scheduled a site visit with Mr. Van Vleck and is working to schedule one with HCOE Superintendent Michael Davies-Hughes as well. Information regarding this meeting will be shared at the February 2022 Governance Council Meeting. The second semester onsite class schedule was distributed. Per Tier 1 Engagement under AB 167 a letter is being sent out weekly to all TK-3 students with a reminder that we have opportunities for daily direct/synchronous instruction. Funds from the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan will be used in part to provide instruction to our teachers on teaching executive functioning skills.
- e. Leadership Team Report: Our WASC accreditation visit will be in May 2023. Classroom observations for those who may want to pair up with another teacher, observe each other's classes, and give effective feedback was discussed. Something similar could be offered for IS/CT meetings. Other possible ways to prepare for WASC were discussed, such as having an awards ceremony (to recognize student achievements) and inviting State Senator Mike McGuire. The Food Services Program applied for funding to purchase a 3-compartment sink and electric warmer. As a non-classroom-based school AGCS is exempt from being legally required to offer 2 meals next year, but has decided to offer 2 meals per day to feed as many students as possible. The CT pay restructuring proposal has been tabled until possibly the time of re-chartering. Bias in school materials was discussed.

## VI. Discussion / Information

- a. Assessment and Academic Support School Coordinator Report by Stefani Gambrel: PE test is resuming in March of 2022 for grades 5,7 and 9. We are returning to in-person SBAC assessments Spring 2022. A soft start will be at the end of March, with regular test week early April. The "soft start" week will help us get ahead and avoid Covid-19 transmission risks coming off of Spring Break. As always we need 95% participation. After CAASPP we will hold school wide assessments for returning students. We will base Academic Support qualification (for next year) off of spring data for these returning students. This will ensure students can start Academic Support from the 1st day of school. There have been 17 initial Attendance and Academic Intervention Meetings (AAIM) this year compared to 36 at this time last year. There have been 4 second AAIM meetings this year compared with 6 at this time last year. A parent-guardian educator goal is a new feature of each AAIM meeting. This is a goal that THEY do (not the student) to be better in their role / support their student in their education. "Mr D's" virtual free test prep class, which has been shown to be effective when piloted with 7th graders, will now be available for 3rd-8th and 11th graders starting in Feb. Mindset and test-taking tips will be shared schoolwide. Thirteen AGCS students currently have a home language other than English. The English Learner Task Force Team meets monthly. They will be participating in the "EL Rise", a workshop to help design a plan specific to our school for supporting EL students in a manner that affirms, welcomes and responds to their diverse range of EL identities and gives teachers a clear protocol/pathway to follow and resources to utilize.
- b. Updated Safe Return to In -Person Instruction Plan – the plan was reviewed and discussed.

## VII. Action Items

- a. A Motion was made to approve the Certification of the First Interim Budget. M/S, Passed, 4/0
- b. A Motion was made to approve the Certification of the Prior Year Audit. M/S, Passed, 4/0
- c. A Motion was made to approve the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Plan. M/S, Passed, 4/0

- VIII. Future Agenda Items (January 2022)
  - a. School Accountability Report Card (SARC)
  - b. School Coordinator Report
  
- IX. Adjourn to Closed Session Personnel (Pursuant to Gov. Code 54957) :
  - a. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
  - b. Public Employee Resignation
  - c. Public Employee Appointment
  - d. Complaints / Grievances Officer Communication
  - e. Legal Action
  
- X. Return to Open Session – Report Out:
  - a. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
  - b. Public Employee Resignation
  - c. Public Employee Appointment
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  - e. Legal Action
  
- XI. Adjournment

Minutes Prepare by: Susan Stein, Teacher Representative

Minutes Approved: 1/11/22, 4/0