

Governance Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 9, 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, Vicky Barry

Governance Council Members Absent:

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

Director Present: Tim Warner

Classified Staff / Guests: Jenifer Doane

- I. Meeting Called to Order: 10:37
- II. Review Agenda: No Changes
- III. Public Comment / Correspondence / Communication
Kurt mentioned that the Arcata Farmers Market is still running and that others will begin again in May. They still have the EBT match fund program. Matt Wilton recommended the walking trail by Potawot for safe outdoor time. He also wanted to make people aware of the Lost Coast Podcasts. He also suggested that we list the governance Council meetings on the Google Calendar.
- IV. Consent Items
 - a. A motion was made to approve the February 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. M/S, Barry/Stoffel, 5/0.
 - b. A motion was made to approve the February 2021 Warrant Reports. M/S, Emberson/Stoffel, 5/0
- V. Reports
 - a. Student Council Report: The Student Council, advised by Randi Golat and Nichole Dollarhide, provided the Leadership Team with a dress code developed by the Student Council, whose representatives were at the last Leadership Team meeting. Some suggestions were made by the Leadership Team. The Student Council will take the comments into account and resubmit to the Leadership Team before submission to the Governance Council. Other Student Council activities include planning a card making event, and a potential trash pickup event prior to a movie night. Randi will be in contact with Matt to work on the movie night. A final project in the works is the development of a talent show.
 - b. Enrollment Report: Current enrollment is at 482 students. Five additional students more than in February. The hope for next year is that funding will reflect increases enrollment. A class action lawsuit has been filed on behalf of non-classroom-based charters.
 - c. Leadership Team Report: Stefani stated that the Leadership Team has provided input on the proposed Dress Code developed by the Student Council and it will be discussed further with the Student Council before submission to the Governance Council. On the issue of CAASPP testing about 2/3 of families wish to test remotely and 1/3 are willing to test onsite. Stefani and Tim will be developing a PSA video to promote what the testing environment will look like. Susan stated that we should be up front about the difficulties of testing remotely. Another issue is scribes for Special Education students, which they cannot have if testing remotely. CT's should be made aware, so that they may inform their students. The other major Leadership Team topic concerned the teacher pay scales. In trying to make it equitable for teachers who may lose students during the course of the year we need to seek input from the teachers at this point. Both a town hall type meeting and surveys were mentioned as a potential means to do this.

- d. Director of Special Education Report: Nichole gave a Special Education update on student numbers. More than half of the students who have enrolled through the lottery have IEP's. There are currently 71 students in Special education, with 4 pending. Concerning caseloads, the sub hired to cover for Sarah while she was out on maternity leave has been out on emergency medical leave. We had a sub hired, fingerprinted, and trained. On her start date she emailed that she could not sub for us because a family member fell ill. Letters have gone out to families every step of the way to communicate with them the situation. Options for moving forward: Student's CTs can sub for the service minutes OR students can receive missed minutes in June. Courtney and Holly have also really stepped up to help.
- e. Director's Report: This month Tim attended an NCSMIG insurance update, reviewed AB 1505 requirements, obtained a liability insurance update, attended weekly LCAP trainings, DMS monthly update, District/Charter Meetings, a curriculum workshop (with Matt!), provided weekly reopening plan submissions (w/CDPH), worked on medical billing (SPED), attended SBE Meeting (about testing), North Coast Charter Cooperative monthly meeting, CCSA regional meeting, Humboldt Hydro Farms (w/Jen!), Indigenous Perspectives on Education workshop, attended banking meeting with DMS and Coast Central for banking transition all we need is signers approved and approved meeting minutes from the February and March, Leadership Team meeting, accomplished DMS Payroll check-in, Records Requests, CSDC School Reopening, Student Council check-in, Mastering the Art of IEP Notetaking, IEPs, 504s, Payroll, Interventions (2nd et. al.), daily operations, etc. Tim has investigated AB 86: Most of this bill doesn't apply to personalized learning "non-classroom-based," schools. Some funds (Expanded Learning Grants) are available for learning loss mitigation, but it comes with plans, reports, strings, and categorical obligations. BUT could be good for tutoring, online programs, mental health supports, meal program, etc. There has been a class action lawsuit brought against the state regarding no growth funding for non-classroom-based charter schools. The budget for next year as of today, still appears hopeful. Concerning vaccinations many teachers have already received their 1st and second doses. Tim is continuing to work on the LCAP update. CALPADS data on assignment monitoring teacher credentials and course descriptions, English learners, staff count/FTE, post-secondary outcomes continues. Jenifer Doane is to be commended for her continued training and work on this. The CCSA (California Charter Schools Association) is this week (3/15 - 3/19) -- Jen, Stefani, and Tim will be attending (virtually).

VI. Discussion and Information

- a. Expiring Council Seats/Election Discussion: Candidate statements in the April newsletter.
- b. JPA/Charter Safe Information: What it covers and what it will cost.
- c. NCSMIG Medical Plan Changes: There are 4 tiers. The question is should we stay with the composite plan until it expires.
- d. Director Evaluation /Template: Individual assessments will be provided to Matt who will integrate into one formal assessment.

VII. Action Items

- a. Possible Certification of 2nd Interim Budget. M/S, Barry/Emberson, 5/0
- b. Possible Approval of Hiring 20-21 Auditor. M/S, Barry/Emberson, 5/0
- c. Possible Approval of adding Checking, Savings, and ACH Accounts w Coast Central Credit Union. M/S, Glass/Emberson, 5/0
- d. Possible Approval of Check Signers for Coast Central Credit Union. M/S, Barry/Stoffel, 5/0

VIII. Future Agenda Items (April 6, 2021)

- a. 1st Draft/Plan Directors Evaluation
- b. GC Election Update
- c. Budget Panning Team Meeting
- d. Adopt 21-22 Calendar (if ready)
- e. Set School Health Care Cap for 21-22

IX. Adjourn to Closed Session Personnel (Pursuant to Gov. Code 54957) – N/A

- 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: N/A

XI. Action Taken in Closed Session: N/A

XII. Adjournment 12:50 pm.

Minutes Prepared by Geri Emberson, GC Secretary.

Approved: 5/0 Date: 4/6/21

