

Governance Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 @ 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: Vicky Barry

Certificated Staff Present: Susan Stein, Stefani Gambrel

Director Present: Tim Warner

Classified Staff / Guests:

Regular Meeting Agenda

- I. Meeting Called to Order: 10:34
- II. Review Agenda
- III. Public Comment / Correspondence / Communication
Kurt Stoffel recommended reading the North Coast Journal article which addressed adverse childhood experiences in Humboldt County for children.
- IV. Consent Items
 - a. A motion was made to approve the September 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. M/S, Stoffel/Glass, 4/0.
 - b. A motion was made to approve the August and September 2020 Warrant Reports M/S, Emberson/Stoffel, motion carried, 4/0.
- V. Reports
 - a. Student Council Report: The first meeting of the year has occurred, with about 10 students in attendance. Event planning has begun one thought is a drive in movie night.
 - b. Enrollment Report: Current enrollment is at 475 students.
 - c. Leadership Team Report: Ways to enhance curriculum sharing were discussed. The leadership team is working towards ways to address the end of the year algebra assessment. This assessment is required to graduate, but given the current Covid situation, many students do not feel comfortable with on-site activities. Jasper is working on a second version of this test which might employ Google slides and that could then be proctored remotely. Stefani shared the results of the survey concerning distance learning. Conversations and brainstorming have begun around CT paychecks and ways in which the pay received can be as steady as possible if a CT loses students and they are not replaced. The idea of tiered FTE was mentioned as one idea. This idea is in its inception phase and will continue to be discussed throughout the year.
 - d. Director of Special Education Report: Alder Grove has been found to be disproportionate for white students who fall under the category of Other Health Impairment (OHI). The most common reason a student qualifies under OHI is for ADHD and/or Anxiety. The Special Education Plan (SEP) process has begun [previously known as the Performance Indicator Review (PIR).] We have to complete this plan due to our students with disabilities not performing as well as our general education students on the CASSPP in 2019. The SEP process includes building a team, data analysis, root cause analysis, creating an action plan, implementation of that plan, and monitoring of the results. Templates are provided by CDE. We still have new students with IEPs trickling in. Our caseloads are full, especially the speech/language caseload. There has been some talk about supporting the speech caseload with an instructional aide. This conversation is in its infancy. We continue to have a high number of evaluations occurring right now due to the backlog from the spring, triennials, initials, and incoming students with overdue evaluations. After some research, we are considering contracting with a county school psychologist to help out with an evaluation or two, for students with more complex cases. Due to how behind enrollments were this year, we are still holding Change of Placement IEP meetings. Nichole is actively seeking a substitute educator to cover Sarah Bradshaw's caseload, when she is out on maternity leave, starting in mid-January. Technically we can hire anyone that is qualified to substitute teach; does not have to be a special educator, which is typically difficult to find.

- e. Director's Report: McKinney Vento training has been attended. Insurance policies are being reviewed. Tim is continuing to work with HCOE, A+ Regional and North Coast Charter Coop. Teacher training/meeting was accomplished both in person and via Zoom. Staff members have attended Indigenous Historical Trauma Training and are providing feedback and information from that training to others who were not in attendance. Distance learning/building use survey results were discussed. There is a need to follow up with a survey to teachers on their interest at this point in moving to onsite instruction in the spring. The decision about the spring semester needs to be made by December. Testing has been a big challenge this year. The majority of the students opted to do virtual interim assessments, but almost 95% of students have been assessed. Tomorrow there are 3 students taking the PSAT and 3 students taking the SAT. The school has access to a student success coach, Brianna, who may provide study assistance. Working on the Single Plan for Student Achievement. In reviewing teacher survey results, Alder Grove is now in conversation with the county for psychologist training for staff on mental health and keeping students connected.

VI. Discussion and Information

- a. Plan for Campus Re-Opening: Whether or not to transition back to oncampus classes was discussed. Governance Council recommended surveying teachers for interest and safety measures. Will report survey results at November GC meeting.
- b. Banking Options: Information on local banking options is being researched.

VII. Action Items -No Action Items

IX. Future Agenda Items (November, 2020)

- a. Coordinator Reports
- b. School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)
- c. Local Control Plan Budget Overview for Parents (LCP)

X. Adjourn to Closed Session Personnel (Pursuant to Gov. Code 54957) – No Closed Session

- a. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release –
- b. Public Employee Resignation -
- c. Public Employee Appointment-
- d. Complaints / Grievances Officer Communication -
- e. Legal Action-

XI. Return to Open Session – No Closed Session

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XII. Adjournment 12:30 pm.

Approved: 11/10/20 Date: _____