

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.

433 M St, Eureka, CA 95501

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

Members Present: Carole Porter, Kellie Leahy, Susan Driscoll, Randy Davis, Angela Koken

Teachers Present: Randi Helfman, Lorraine Parnell, Tiffany Maher

Director: Jenni Allen San Giovanni

Guests: Jenifer Doane (Admin. Assist)

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Carole Porter at 6:30 pm.

REVIEW AGENDA

Review GC goals and responsibilities was clarified (VI / b).

CONSENT ITEMS

- A motion was made to approve the "Consent Items". Motion carried 5/0. M/S Leahy/Porter.

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATION

- Jenni announced the Grant Award Notification. She also explained how being part of the COOP helped us receive the monies. A brief discussion took place regarding the tracking of how these funds are used.
- Lorraine Parnell reported that Lisa Slack (leser/property owner) has been in contact with the City of Eureka's Keep Eureka Beautiful program. They are looking into planting trees in front of the M street building.
- Randy Davis reported that he is doing work for Lisa Slack (leser/property owner). He wanted to clarify that there is no conflict of interest. Carole and Jenni confirmed their understanding of the Conflict of Interest Policy. Randi would need to recues himself from any vote directly related to finances with the school and property owner Lisa Slack.
- Lorraine announced that the teacher job description should be revised due to the additional testing responsibilities now included in the position. The leadership team will review and recommend changes.

REPORTS

- Directors Report: 241 students are enrolled. WASC meeting in Redding was informative and the process seems comfortable. Jenni met with Paul Meyers the new South Bay Superintendent to discuss oversight responsibilities. We are offering PSATS for our students at Academy of the Redwoods for the first time. The office staff has been meeting weekly to keep the communication channels open.
- Leadership Team Report: Members are Tiffany Maher, Sunshine Lee, Tim Warner, ElizaBeth Schatz, Audine Abrams, and Renee Deloach. The team has been discussing the upcoming math fair, WASC Survey, and Halloween Party. Included in the Leadership Team Report was discussion regarding developing a school mascot/logo and possible sweatshirts. The possibility of a family picnic day was also discussed.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

- Review Charter – After lengthy discussion the Charter will be revised to include verbiage regarding South Bay fiscal responsibility. It was also decided that other than minor grammatical corrections no changes need to be made. Jenni will edit the charter for grammatical revisions as needed.
- Review GC Goals and Responsibilities – It was determined that the GC Members are meeting their goals and responsibilities.
- API – A lengthy discussion took place regarding the increase in our API score. Last year the score was 668 this year it is 695.
- Handicap Parking Space- A request was made by a parent to make a handicap parking place in front of the main entrance to 433 M Street. There is a handicap parking space provided in the parking lot to our building. Jenni will ask Lisa Slack the property owner if the handicap spot in the parking lot meets legal regulations/responsibilities.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approve JPA – a motion was made to approve the JPA proposal for 2010-2011. The motion passed 5/0. M/S Leahy/Driscoll
- Approve unaudited Actuals – A motion was made to approve the unaudited actual from 2009-2010. The motion passed 5/0. M/S Davis/Koken
- A motion was made to approve the revisions to the mission statement “Our mission is to provide students with personalized learning and to support parent choice in education. The motion passed 5/0. M/S Davis Koken

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / NEXT MEETING

- Revised Charter
- Title 1 review with Celeste
- Next meeting October 11, 2010

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- Meeting Adjourned 8:12 pm.

Secretary Signature: _____ **Date:** _____