

Governance Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, @ 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, David Turner, Sarah Weltsh

Governance Council Members Absent:

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

Director Present: Tim Warner

Classified Staff / Guests: Jenifer Doane

Regular Meeting Agenda

- I. Meeting Called to Order: 10:33
- II. Review Agenda
- III. Public Comment / Correspondence / Communication:
- IV. Consent Items
 - a. A motion was made to consent to hold the January 2023, meeting virtually due to COVID-19. M/S, Turner/Emberson, motion carried, 4/0.
 - b. A motion was made to Approve December 2022 meeting minutes. M/ /S, Turner/Emberson, motion carried, 4/0.
 - c. A motion was made to approve the November 2022 Warrant Reports, M/S, Emberson/Weltsch, motion carried, 4/0.
- V. Reports
 - a. Student Council: Student Council is planning to hold another bake sale at the winter performance. Current topics of discussion include a Valentine's Party at the Jefferson Community Center. Fundraising efforts are going well, with over \$600 raised, \$280 of which came from See's Candy sales. More has been raised, but spent on a banner for Student Council and the Halloween Party. Prom Invitations are going out soon through the CTs.
 - b. Enrollment Report: Enrollment is at 452 students which is closer to where we were last year. There is still a waiting list for High School students.
 - c. Director of Special Services: Nichole is currently working on a compliance report for CDE. She reported that there are currently 77 students with IEP's (4 pending), 39 students with 504's (1 pending). These numbers taken together are over 25% of our student population. Speech screenings have been accomplished with 54% needing some type of intervention and many of these outside of SPED. McKinney Vento numbers have increased approximately 37%. Nichole has been working on distributing grocery cards and gift cards for clothing. We had 82% of students respond to the mental health screening and 13% were found to be in the high risk category.
 - d. Directors Report: Although the school was on Winter Break, Tim attended earthquake related meetings. The Alder Grove building had no structural damage, flooding or power outages related to the recent earthquakes and storms, although there were some minor leaks in the building. Working with Teachers to provide more earthquake related information to students and their families. Tim also worked on completing P-1 calculations with attendance at 423. Work coming up includes SARC data and the LCAP.

- e. Leadership Team Report: Stefani reported that the Leadership Team had discussed participation in a Pints for Non Profits to be held at Field brook market, the proceeds of which would go to High School functions such as Prom and Grad Night. Tied into this fundraising idea was that of developing a foundation solely for the purpose of fundraising. She addressed the Prop 28 Arts Grant of \$78,000 to be used by 2025 and the Community Schools Grant. Other topics discussed by the Leadership team included the provision of tutor forums, how to increase participation in the mental health screenings and the promotion of Teacher participation in WASC visits. A Field/Wellness event has been scheduled for February 9 at the Jefferson Community Center, with an alternate date of March 2, if the weather is uncooperative.

VI. Discussion and Information

- a. College and Career Coordinator Report: Jen Burtram addressed the programs we have in place to meet the schools College and Career Ready standards and the various combination of ways each student can meet those standards. Some of those ways include scoring a 3 or higher on the CASSP tests or AP exams, obtaining a Seal of Biliteracy, completion of a CTE course of instruction as well as taking two semesters of coursework at college of the Redwoods. Students can now also receive 1 unit of college credit for job experience. Alder Grove offers both onsite Dual Enrollment courses as well as providing access to Concurrent Enrollment classes through College of the Redwoods directly. Jen also highlighted the many CTE pathways we have such as hydro farms, woodworking, culinary, and programs through the MARZ Project involving animation, film production and sound recording, including podcasts. She also stated that we finally have a TRIO program person on board to help students who will be first generation college students with tutoring, study skills, and financial aid information, including the FAFSA. Jen has also been busy acquiring grant money for CTE programming and workforce development. One grant in the amount of \$173,284 will allow Alder Grove to buy a van to transport students to various career programs and college exploration field trips. Her Job requires serving students who are college bound and those who are more tech and career oriented, while also serving on committees which keep her informed of further opportunities. With expanding requirements and programming, Jen is looking to hire someone to assist her in continuing to complete all of these programming efforts successfully.

VII. Action Items

- a. Certification of the 21-22 Audit- tabled to February due to issues with the County (Controllers Office)
- b. A motion was made to approve SARC, M/S, Emberson/Weltsch, motion carried

VIII. Future Agenda Items (February 2023)

- a. Review PI Report
- b. Submit CA Form 700
- c. Possible approval of Comprehensive Safety Plan
- d. Possible Approval of the updated Employee Handbook

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-
- f. Other Personnel issues-
- g. Student Issues -

XI. Return to Open Session – N/A

XII. Adjournment – 11:57

Approved: 410 Date: 2/14/23