

Governance Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 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: Vicki Barry, Matt Wilton, Geri Emberson, Selena Glass, Kurt Stoffel

Governance Council Members Absent:

Certificated Staff Present: Susan Stein, Stefani Gamble, Nicole Dollarhide, Jen Burtram

Director Present: Tim Warner

Classified Staff / Guests:

Public Hearing Agenda

- I. Call to Order of Public Hearing: 10:30
- II. Public Comment/Opportunity for Stakeholder Input on the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan: There were no comments and the respondents recommended no changes.
- III. Adjourn from Public Hearing: 10:33

Regular Meeting Agenda

- IV. Meeting Called to Order: 10:33am
- V. Review Agenda
- VI. Public Comment / Correspondence / Communication

Kurt Stoffel provided information on a website titled "Facing History and Ourselves"
- VII. Consent Items
 - a. A motion was made to approve the August 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. M/S, Barry/Stoffel, 5/0.
 - b. A motion was made to approve the May and June 2020 Warrant Reports M/S, Glass/Emberson, motion carried, 5/0.
- VIII. Reports
 - a. Student Council Report: Nichole Dollarhide and Randi Golat are team leading this year. A Google Classroom site will be set up for meetings. "Two truths and a lie will be played as an ice-breaker and elected positions will be discussed. The California Association of Student Councils was addressed as was the Student Council tie dye of t shirts outside and socially distanced.
 - b. Enrollment Report: Currently 455 students are enrolled. A high percentage of new enrollments are in grades TK-8. Due to the personalized nature of our program and COVID-19 precautions being taken initial enrollment meetings are taking longer to schedule and complete. The expectation is that we will reach our enrollment capacity of around 475 soon as the remaining new enrollments are completed.

- c. Leadership Team Report: Stefani reported that about 75% of assessments for 2nd to 11th grades have been completed, with most testing remotely. She also reported that after having teachers put the word out that there are parents interested in joining the Leadership Team. Sunshine has mentioned that she would like more parent participation in the curriculum share. There is a plan to have the Redwood Writing Virtual Project Coordinator (Anne Hartline) provide a short virtual workshop. Jen thought that perhaps the use of Facebook could expand the spreading of the word. Stefani is working on creating survey questions for the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan
- d. Director of Special Education Report: Nichole reported that COVID 19 safety measures are being followed by all providers and the assessment guidelines from HCOE are being followed as well. This includes an “Acknowledgement of Risk” waiver that must be completed for in-person assessment. There are currently many evaluations happening now. This is partially due to a backlog from the Spring, and incoming students with overdue evaluations. Crystal Collins is supervising a School Psych graduate student who may be of some help, but also still requires oversight. We have a high number of students coming in from other schools with IEP’s. Caseloads are almost completely full, and we still have students trickling in. Providers are reporting about half of our families are choosing to have their students receive in-person services, and about half are choosing virtual services. Nicole reported that she is hearing good things from our families about our new Education Specialist, she is a great addition to our team. Disproportionality and the Special Education Reporting will begin soon. CALPADS data reporting to the state continues to be in the works as well.
- e. Director’s Report: Building operations are running smoothly. Scheduling of SPED and staff in office transitioning well with a lighter use of the building. Distanced classes are moving forward with a minimal number of issues thanks to Brett and Becky. Concerning the growth cap placed on budgets by the state, Tim addressed the lawsuit moving forward on behalf of non-classroom-based schools. With the data required by the State under AB 1505, Alder Grove will likely be looking at a 5-year renewal period for the Charter. A lot of staff has been tested for COVID 19 already under the state mandated 2-month time interval. Schools, including Alder Grove are experiencing a technology shortage as demand goes up with distance learning chrome books are hard to obtain. 40 are on their way and Tim is working with HCOE on finding a more expedient process. Teacher training occurred in August with about half of the teachers on Zoom and about of the teacher’s half on site. Tim also mentioned Assembly Bill 1384 which would lessen liability if COVID is contracted at school. Assembly Bill 1384 never reached the Assembly floor.

IX. Discussion and Information

- a. Board Training Update – Matt Wilton and Jenifer Doane are signed up for the virtual morning session. Selena Glass completed her session already.

X. Action Items

- a. Possible Approval of 19-20 Unaudited Actuals. Motion to Approve. M/S Glass/Emberson, 5/0.
- b. Possible Approval of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan. Motion to Approve. M/S Glass/Emberson, 5/0.

- c. Possible Approval of the updated Sexual Harassment Policy. Motion to Approve. M/S Emberson/Barry, 5/0.

IX. Future Agenda Items (October 13, 2020)

- a. DMS, ACH automatic deposit from Wells Fargo to Coast Central. Is there a board approval process?

X. Adjourn to Closed Session Personnel (Pursuant to Gov. Code 54957) - 11:42

- 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 12:03 - Discussion only, no action taken

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XII. Adjournment 12:04 pm.

Minutes Prepared by: Geri Emberson, Secretary.

Approved: 10/13/20 4/0 Date: _____