

Governance Council Minutes
Tuesday, February 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:

- I. Meeting Called to Order: 10:32
- II. Review Agenda: Motion to make an addendum to the agenda in Action Items for the approval of the School Site Safety Plan. M/S, Glass/Barry, 5/0
- III. Public Comment / Correspondence / Communication
Kurt Stoffel just wanted to remind everyone that the Farmer's Market in Arcata is still going and that they are still signing people up for the EBT match fund program.
- IV. Consent Items
 - a. A motion was made to approve the January 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. M/S, Glass/Stoffel, 5/0.
 - b. A motion was made to approve the January 2021 Warrant Reports. M/S, Emberson/Barry, 5/0
- V. Reports
 - a. Student Council Report: The Student Council, advised by Randi Golat and Nichole Dollarhide held a tie die event with members dyeing Alder Grove shirts on Monday. There is still more work to be done, and they will have another session to complete the process. Randi and Nichole will then see that the shirts are properly laundered. The Council is looking into a tree planting event and would still like to plan for a drive-in movie night. They just elected officers and have submitted a proposal for a dress code to the Leadership Team, who will review it at next months meeting. A member of Alder Grove's Student Council will also be attending a Student Council Conference.
 - b. Enrollment Report: Current enrollment is at 477 students. There was a dip in January due to Fall graduations. We are trying to keep the number steady and hoping for higher ADA funding next year based on new enrollment numbers.
 - c. Leadership Team Report: Stefani cited topics discussed at the last Leadership Team meeting. The Student Council submitted their very well thought out proposed dress code to the Leadership Team who made some preliminary recommendations and suggestions but would like to review and discuss further at next month's meeting. The Student Council is to be commended for its efforts here in developing a code which will be culturally sensitive and non-gender biased. Leadership Team is continuing to assess the LCAP goals and priorities to determine what is still relevant and what we may want to add in the future. Concerning CAASPP testing, about 50% of surveys are back from family surveys and those results show that 70% of families would like remote testing, while 30% are comfortable with onsite testing. Fifty more chrome books have been purchased with learning loss funds to facilitate remote testing. The idea here is flexibility. We are waiting for guidance from the Federal government, but we have a new administration which needs to have time to assess the situation. Trying to boost the Wi-Fi within the building is also being worked on by Brett to have the best remote and onsite testing experience possible. The SPED team is now hardwired to better assist families.
 - d. Director of Special Education Report: Nichole reported that our SEP has been approved. To increase student participation and motivation in CAASPP testing She and Stefani have developed a tiered reward system for which they are ordering medals as rewards for progress made on testing scores. She has been working with SPED staff to implement test taking strategies. Given the nature of our current situation (lack of socialization, need for more support, etc.) there are more cases where mental health services are being provided as well.

- e. Director's Report: Tim has been involved with: certification and re-certification of Fall 1 (CALPADS), Superintendent/Charter meetings, Employment Law training (SCLS), Teacher meetings, NCCC, Q&A w/public health (HCOE), Leadership Team, input on draft bill language (A+) A+ Advisory Council concerning Non-classroom based schools and an anti-independent study movement, Insurance webinar, multiple school budget and legislative updates (CCSA, CSDC, CDE, Capital Advisors, etc.), budget/accountability Co-op and LCAP trainings (HCOE), CONapp (Consolidated Application for Federal Funding), our 5th COVID-19 operations plan, Reopening webinar (w/CDE), COVID and reopening (with YM&C), payroll, IEPs, 504s, interventions, taxes, and report submissions. He also addressed the fact that most of our teachers will be in group 2 vaccinations, even if they work directly with families. With the help of others such as Becky, the school is beginning to sketch out class ideas for next year, where the idea of cohorts came up. Time will investigate further what constitutes a "cohort." Some future primary tasks will include working with the owner to get some minor leaks fixed, working with Stefani and Brett to ensure smooth CAASPP testing, and becoming more proactive in terms of charter school legislation.

VI. Discussion and Information

- a. Covid-19 Prevention Program/School Guidance Checklist: Although we are classified as non-classroom-based instruction, we have a compliance plan and guidance checklist in place.
- b. Instructions for CA Form 700 Submission: Governance Council Members need to submit their CA 700 forms to Jenifer Doane no later than the March Council meeting.
- c. Council Seats with Expiring Terms: We have four of the five Council seats expiring in May. Vicky Barry and Kurt Stoffel have decided not to run again and so a minimum of two seats will need to be filled with new candidates in the April election.
- d. Student Council Dress Code Proposal: Review will be deferred to next month's meeting after the Leadership Team has the opportunity for a more in-depth review.

VII. Action Items

- a. Approval of Banking Change from Wells Fargo to Coast Central Credit Union. M/S, Barry/Emberson, 5/0
- b. Approval of School Site Safety Plan incorporating power outages and pandemic plan. M/S, Emberson/Barry, 5/0

VIII. Future Agenda Items (March 8, 2021)

- a. Certify 2nd Interim Budget Due to Chartering Authority and COE March 15
- b. Advertise Upcoming Council Seats in March for April Election
- c. JPA/Charter Safe Information/Cost Comparison – School wide building liability.
- d. Director Evaluation Template Ready/Distribute
- e. Approve Hiring of Auditor

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

- 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 –

XI. Action Taken in Closed Session:

XII. Adjournment 12:08 pm.

Minutes prepared by Geri Emberson, GC Secretary.

Approved: Geri Emberson Date: 3/12/21 Geri Emberson, Secretary