

Governance Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 12, 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, Jen Burtram, Nichole Dollarhide

Director Present: Tim Warner

Classified Staff / Guests:

- I. Meeting Called to Order: 10:41
- II. Review Agenda
- III. Public Comment / Correspondence / Communication  
Kurt Stoffel talked about the seed saver exchange catalog and the more than 20,000 seeds contributed from all over the U.S. are in the seed bank. They give free seeds to schools. Kurt also addressed looking into potential volunteer or seasonal help positions for students with places like the CR Farm or the Humboldt Permaculture Guild.
- IV. Consent Items
  - a. A motion was made to approve the December 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. M/S, Barry/Stoffel, 5/0.
  - b. A motion was made to approve the December 2020 Warrant Reports. M/S Emberson/Stoffel, 5/0
- V. Reports
  - a. Student Council Report: They are still working to provide input on a dress code, working toward a tie dye of t-shirts outdoor get together, and the naming of peer houses. Concerning other events, Matt mentioned that he now has a projector and a 100-inch screen, perhaps this could be used for a movie night.
  - b. Enrollment Report: Current enrollment is at 466 students. There will be a few Fall Term Graduates, which will be balanced out by a few new enrollments, keeping enrollment numbers steady.
  - c. Leadership Team Report: Stefani talked about the parent workshops developed by Sunshine. The most recent workshop was given by Rain Marshall, who suggested several leveled resources focused on local tribal histories, cultures, and contemporary activities which could be integrated into the curriculum of students. She also stated that Matt Wilton will be the presenter at the next workshop, and that he would be presenting on the integrated cross curriculum "Moving Beyond the Page." The other major topic touched upon in the last Leadership Team meeting was the possible renaming of the Intervention process. One suggestion that invoked an enthusiastic response was Academic Intervention Meeting (AIM) since intervention was still in the title, but that the acronym AIM sounds positive like you are reaching to attain a goal.

- d. Director of Special Education Report: Nichole reported that Peach Bond, who the long-term sub to cover Sarah's caseload while she is on maternity leave has been job shadowing, has had a positive reception from families, and is doing well. There will be a Special Education Plan meeting to prepare for the CAASPP. Activities such as taking interim tests, and learning test taking strategies will be addressed. Nichole has been pricing medals and reviewing samples with the aim of having a tiered (bronze, silver, gold) reward for students who improve their test scores.
- e. Director's Report: Office operations still smooth, but quiet. The whole SARC process has changed. Tim talked about Safe schools for all safety and mitigation (PPE, contact tracing, etc.). Non-classroom-based schools are not being offered the ADA incentive to open for classes. He addressed the Parsec data study for non-classroom -based schools where effective data adjustments are made such as the graduation rates, which could contribute positively to charter renewal. In looking for professional development opportunities Tim is focused on something which will have the potential for unified staff development. Tim continues with the monthly DMS Check-in, North Coast Charter Cooperative, A+ Advisory, Teacher Meetings, Leadership Team, District/Charter Meeting with CDE to keep up on reporting and accountability, Office Staff meeting, regular Director/Superintendent meetings with HCOE, SPED check in meetings, IEPs, 504s and second Interventions. As always on the lookout for mental health resources for staff, families, and students.

VI. Discussion and Information

- a. Comparison of Local Banking Options- Wells Fargo costs and fees are going up, and it would be nice to bank with a more local institution. Umpqua bank out of Oregon, is used to working with charter schools could save us about \$50 per month. Coast Central Credit Union is local, member owned and has the potential of saving the school about \$280 per month in fees. They also provide a lot to our local community. The governance Council members will review the options and decide at the next meeting.

VII. Action Items

- a. School Accountability Report Card M/S Glass/Barry, 5/0

VIII. Future Agenda Items (February 9, 2021)

- a. Review PI Report
- b. Submit CA Form 700
- c. Expiring Council Seats Discussion
- d. Deciding on local banking options.

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 12:03 pm.

Minutes prepared by, Geri Emberson, GC Secretary.

Approved: 2/9/21, S/O, (SD)