

Governance Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 8, 2022, @ 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 Weltsch

Governance Council Members Absent:

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

Director Present: Tim Warner

Classified Staff / Guests: Jenifer Doane

### Regular Meeting Agenda

- I. Meeting Called to Order: 10:33
- II. Review Agenda – removal of second School Coordinator Report under Future Agenda Items
- III. Public Comment / Correspondence / Communication: No public commentary
- IV. Consent Items
  - a. A motion was made to consent to hold the November 2022, meeting virtually due to COVID-19. M/S, Emberson/Turner, motion carried, 3/0
  - b. A motion was made to Approve the Appointment of Sarah Weltsch to the Governance Council for a three-year term. M/S, Emberson/Turner, motion carried, 4/0
  - c. Approval of October 2020 meeting minutes moved to Action Items for approval, awaiting second page copy
  - d. A motion was made to approve the September 2022 Warrant Reports, M/S, Turner/Emberson, motion carried, 4/0
- V. Reports
  - a. Student Council: 3 Student Council Members were present. Jade, Morgan and Sarah reported that the Halloween bake sale was a success. They are planning to hold another bake sale at the holiday craft party on December 16, as well opening up the See's Candy fundraiser at that time. A fundraising roller-skating party is also planned for December. They are planning a Valentine's Day Party as an off-site event as well as developing a theme for the prom. They have put out a poll to students, to get feedback on a preferred theme. The Wharfinger building and the DJ have been secured for May 13<sup>th</sup>. Prom funding was also discussed. The Student Council, in concert with GSA developed anti-bullying posters which they placed in the building and hope that people are reading. Many members also attended the Psychology class field trip to Cal Poly Humboldt.

- b. Director of Special Services: There are 70 students currently receiving SPED services. On census Day, there was a lower enrollment number. Hygiene kits and gas cards have been distributed to McKinney Vento students. 80% of mental health screenings have been accomplished the goal was 90%. There are still kinks being worked out with the PBIS/Bark Bucks student store, but the students seem to be enjoying it. Nichole also worked with Jen Burtram on an updated Graduation Policy.
- c. Directors Report: Tim has been attending trainings, meetings, and webinars. He is also working with DMS on the Second Interim Budget which is due to the County Office by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Tim and other staff members attended the A+ meetings where personalized learning is the focus. Tim attended trainings which focused on H.R. and charter renewal. There is also some new legislation that will need to be incorporated into the administration of the school in the coming year. Alder Grove is on the middle track for renewal of our charter. About 80% of charter schools fall into this category which is based in large part on test scores. There have been a number of staff out sick, but those still healthy are stepping up to support the smooth running of our program.
- d. Leadership Team Report: The new a-g curriculum seems to be well received, particularly the Bright Thinker workbooks. CAASPP and NWEA scores were discussed. Ideas being gathered about a brochure that could be provided to parents to better inform them of our programs/services and their responsibilities. Leadership working on ideas to provide a wellness event for students and perhaps combining this with a field day which would incorporate physical fitness testing. Looking into the Muni or Jefferson School as a potential site in inclement weather. Jen Burtram is trying to develop a Grad Night for graduating students, possibly at Bear River Family Fun Center. The idea of using the completion of the FAFSA as an entry ticket, but still open to all graduates.

## VI. Discussion and Information

- a. Assessment and Academic Support School Coordinator Report: Stefani addressed Statewide Assessments, Schoolwide Assessments, the Academic Support Program and Attendance and Academic Intervention and the EL Program. Concerning the CAASPP 40.73% met or exceeded the standard for ELA, while the NWEA scores project that number should be at 61.8% by the Spring of 2023. The weakest numbers within this test are in the area of writing. Susan and Julie have stepped up to offer more writing labs. 22.98 % Met or exceeded the standard for math, while the NWEA projects that 34.8% should be at meets/exceeds by the Spring of 2023. The weakest scores in math were on concepts and procedures which may be an easier area to boost through tutoring and the use of programs such as My Path. 44.85% met or exceeded the science standards. We do well in this area and more science classes have been offered this year. Although Alder Grove Schools are lower than the state average, when Alder Grove CAASPP scores were compared to those of Eureka City Schools, South Bay and Golden Eagle Charter in Shasta (similar setup to Alder Grove), Alder Groves Scores exceeded their scores. More tutoring opportunities are being provided to prepare for the CASSP as well. We have a few students who are classified as English Language Learners. Stefani has been working with Erica Alston to create a Master EL Plan for Alder Grove which will be presented to the Leadership Team in January 2023. Stefani also addressed Academic Support Programs such as My Path, Read Live, and Write at Home. Currently there are fewer students in academic support than there was last year and follow up options have been modified to provide greater flexibility in planning a course of action.

VII. Action Items

- a. Motion was made to approve Updated Graduation Policy, M/S, Weltsch/Turner, motion carried, 4/0
- b. A motion was made to approve the October 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, M/S, Weltsch/Emberson, motion carried, 4/0

VIII. Future Agenda Items (December 2022)

- a. School Coordinator report- Jen Burtram on College Career Readiness
- b. Updated Policies- 3 per meeting
- c. Certify 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Budget
- d. Certify Prior Year Audit
- e. New California Laws

IX. Adjourn to Closed Session Personnel (Pursuant to Gov. Code 54957) – 12:33

- a. Public Employee Discussion/Discipline/Dismissal/Release – Discussion – No action taken
- b. Public Employee Resignation
- c. Public Employee Appointment
- d. Complaints / Grievances Officer Communication
- e. Legal Action
- f. Student Discussion / Discipline – Discussion. No action taken.

XI. Return to Open Session – 1:02

XII. Adjournment – 1:03

Approved: 12/13/22, 4/0