

GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

1615 Highland Avenue

Eureka, CA 95503

6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kellie Leahy, Carole Porter, Brad Woodward, Kathy Ortiz

Members Absent: Nicole Goodwin Durbin

Representatives Present: Lorraine Parnell

Director: Jenni Allen San Giovanni

Guests: Jenifer Doane (Admin. Assist.), Karl Yoder (DELTA Rep), Jonathan Baker (parent), Ian Schatz (parent), Lesley Ester (parent), Lori Knight (parent), Marian Baker (teacher), Sunshine Lee (teacher)

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Brad Woodward at 6:45.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Carole Porter made a motion to approve the October Minutes and the September Warrants. Kellie Leahy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

CORRESPONDANCE / COMMUNICATION

- Gilly Dokweiler resigned from her position as Teacher's Aide. The school will be hiring a replacement in the near future.
- Nicole Goodwin Durbin resigned from her position on the Governance Council via email to Brad Woodward on the evening of November 4th. She will be sending a written statement to the council with the specifics of her resignation.

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time.

REPORTS

- Directors Report: Current enrollment is 211 students, CSIS annual submission was a huge success, Jenni met with the city engineering representative to discuss possible uses for the Eureka City Schools' Jefferson Site (3 year project), 3 students participated in the Math Exit Exam on November 4th. Josh Eudy, a graduate of Alder Grove, died unexpectedly earlier in the week. Alder Grove will be sending their condolences..
- Leadership Team Report: Developed a Behavior Contract for the classroom site to be signed by both the parent and the student, Halloween party was fun and well attended, team members were given a copy of the Strategic Planning handout provided to Governance Council at the October meeting.

- Financial Report by Karl Yoder: Karl gave an informative presentation regarding the November Financial Update that was provided in the Governance Council mailing. Karl also answered many questions from those who were present at the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- Kathy Ortiz made a motion to approve the addition to the September 2008 Minutes. Brad Woodward seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0. Amended minutes attached.
- Kathy Ortiz made a motion to approve the 2008/2009 Budget Update provided by Karl Yoder. Carole Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0. This re-certification of the budget is required 45 days after the state passes a budget.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Lorraine Parnell gave a brief presentation regarding the successes of Alder Grove Charter School in its first two years of operation: full Accreditation on the first try, budget surplus in the second year, raised API by 23 points, 21% enrollment increase from 2007-2008.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / NEXT MEETING

- Next Meeting December 9th @ 6:30
- Acceptance of the resignation of Council Member Nicole Goodwin Durbin.
- Develop a Resolution that states Alder Grove Charter School is doing ongoing business with Emerald Coast Computing. The resolution will state that any business exceeding a certain dollar amount will be brought to the Governance Council for approval.
- Development of an interview process and/or criteria for selecting board members.
- Roles and/or duties of the Governance Council.
- Approval of the 1st Interim Budget
- Approve / Certify Audit

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

- Evaluation of Performance: Director

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- Outcome of closed session: “We the Alder Grove School Governance Council approve of Jenni’s performance in regards to issues brought to our attention. The unanimous consensus of the Council is that we are pleased by Jenni’s performance and have complete confidence in her continuing ability to lead the school.” Statement approved 4/0.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:09 PM