

Governance Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 10:30am
714 F St. Eureka, CA 95501

Our Mission is to Provide Students with Personalized Learning to Support Parental Choice in Education

Governance Council Members Present: Matt Wilton, Geri Emberson, David Turner, Sarah Weltsch

Governance Council Members Absent: none

Certificated Staff Present: Stefani Gabriel, Shana Langer

Director Present: Tim Warner

Classified Staff/ Guests: Student Council Members Morgan and Michael

Regular Meeting Agenda

- I. **Meeting Called to Order @10:36am**
- II. **Review Agenda**
- III. **Public Comment/Correspondence/Communication**

IV. Consent Items

- a. A motion was made to approve the September 2023 Minutes. M/S, Emberson/Turner, motion carried.
- b. A motion was made to approve the August 2023 Warrant Reports. M/S Weltsch/Emberson

V. Reports

- a. **Student Council:** The High School Halloween Party was a great success! They are continuing to fundraise with See's candy until December 2nd. They have planned a skating field trip for December 8th. They are planning a bake sale at the Winter Performances, and perhaps putting on a talent show. They are collecting coats in the lobby of our school to benefit Betty Chin, and they volunteered to make sandwiches for her to benefit those in need.
- b. **Enrollment Report:** There are 450 enrolled students now, due to another lottery late in October.
- c. **Leadership Team Report:** They spent a lot of time talking about our mission statement, and they have a rough draft that they would like to present to student council. They also spoke about a new training module for new families entering our school to educate them on how to fill out attendance logs and all of our other important papers.
- d. **Director of Secondary Programs Report:** At this time, there are 38 students on target for graduating in 2024. The college and Career team has been connecting with students and most are continuing their education at CR, to transfer or graduating with certificates or AA/AS degrees. FAFSA opens sometime in December. We have 43 students who are dually enrolled in AGCS and college and are taking at least one college course this semester. We have 17 students enrolled in CR work experience. Classes are in full swing, and teachers seem to have found their "Alder Groove." Some field trips are being planned to go to Humboldt Film Commission and O&M Fabrication.
- e. **Director of Operations Principal Report:** Stefani is working hard to reduce call volume in the office, and a protocol for covering for staff that aren't able to be here. There's been an increase in student behaviors, both in classrooms and at mealtimes. She and Nichole are working on a behavioral survey to

find out what/where more support is needed. A new tutor was hired, and she has become a valuable addition in helping with meals and giving rides. Fall testing has finished and we aim for 95% participation so that our numbers can be used for re-chartering.

- f. **Superintendent's Report:** Tim went on a WASC visit, several trainings, hosted a training here, went to the A+ training, among many others! The student council said "thank you" for governance council's participation in helping with the Halloween party. Our instability rate is higher than most in the county, but is comparable with South Bay. Our chronic absenteeism is the lowest in the county. Our free/reduced meals numbers are similar to South Bay and they are some of the highest in the county. Tim is updating the student handbook. 9/10 teachers are taking a LETRS training on literacy. 3 students ran in 2 meets at CR and both times AGCS had 1st and 2nd place. The LAO's Office and FCMAT is doing a study of non-classroom schools. They interviewed a bunch of schools like ours to see how we do things. We are up for SB740 funding determination, and 40% of our budget on certificated staff compensation, 80% on instruction (including the 40%). There is a growing list of unfair reasons why the state funds districts higher than charter schools.

VI. Discussion/Information:

- a. South Bay School District Board Meeting Attendance: we are encouraged to attend a meeting at least once a year. The next meeting is on December 13th.

VII. Action Items:

- a. A motion was made to approve the updated Title IX Policy. M/S Weltsch/Turner, motion carried 4/0

VIII. Future Agenda Items (December 2023)

- a. Certify 1st Interim Budget due to Chartering Authority and COE December 15th
b. Certify Prior Year Audit due to Chartering Authority, COE, SSPI and State Controller December 15th

VIII. Adjourn to Closed Session Personal (Pursuant to Gov. Code 54957)

- a. Director Evaluation
b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
c. Public Employee Resignation
d. Public Employee Appointment
e. Grievances/Complaints Discussed
f. Legal Action
g. Student Discussion/Discipline

X. Return to Open Session

XI. Action Taken in Closed Session: N/A

XII. Adjournment: motion made to adjourn meeting @ 12:17pm. M/S Turner/Emberson, motion carried 4/0

Minutes prepared by: Sarah Weltsch, Governance Council Secretary

Approved: 4/0 Date: 12/12/23