

Governance Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 11, 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

Governance Council Members Absent:

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

Director Present: Tim Warner

Classified Staff / Guests: Sarah Weltsch

Regular Meeting Agenda

- I. Meeting Called to Order: 10:32
- II. Review Agenda
- III. Public Comment / Correspondence / Communication: No public commentary
- IV. Consent Items
 - a. A motion of consent was made to hold the October 2022, meeting virtually due to COVID-19. Emberson/Turner, motion carried, 3/0.
 - b. A motion was made to approve the September 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. Turner/Emberson, motion carried, 3/0.
 - c. A motion was made to approve the August 2022 Warrant Reports, Turner/Emberson, motion carried, 3/0.
- V. Reports
 - a. Student Council: 3 Student Council Members were present Jade, Morgan and Sarah. They discussed fundraisers such as a bake sale at the Halloween Party and roller skating event on December 2. They have secured the building and DJ for Prom. They are also teaming up with GSA on producing anti-bullying flyers.
 - b. Enrollment Report: 430 students are currently enrolled. More information regarding enrollment will be shared in the Leadership Team Report.
 - c. Director of Special Services: SPED is running smoothly and school wide policy updates are being worked on. The hope is to provide 3 policies per month to the Governance Council for review and approval.
 - d. Director's Report: Tim addressed the Community Schools Planning Grant. For this a "needs assessment survey" needs to be created and distributed. He has been speaking with Jack Bareilles and Jorey McComas about ideas and collaboration. How do we determine what our family's needs are and how we might go about meeting those needs. He stated that Back to School Night was successful. The push for making A-G the norm has been rolled out and new A-G curriculums have been viewed favorably. He mentioned that this is the first time in years without an extensive wait list and so we might want to think about recruiting ideas.
 - e. Leadership Team Report: Stefani and Jenifer Doane did some research into where students who disenrolled went and they discovered that the largest number at around 62% transferred to other public schools, followed by around 19% who have decided to pursue private homeschool. Other reasons include private school attendance and moving out of the state or country. Stefani also addressed our CAASPP and NWEA score reports. Our CAASPP scores are lower in math and reading than the state average, but higher in science.

However, Alder Grove Charter scores exceed the average of Eureka City Schools and South Bay Schools locally as well as Golden Eagle Charter School which our program was modeled on.

Related to the enrollment, recruitment and retention of students at Alder Grove, the idea of developing a brochure has begun to take shape to provide prospective families with information on what our program has to offer students.

The idea of combining physical fitness testing in conjunction with a Wellness Committee Field Day Event has been put forth and research on implementation aspects of such an event will be investigated.

VI. Discussion and Information

- a. Field Trips – potential grant funding for CTE field trips.

VII. Action Items

- a. A Motion was made to approve Purchasing and Receiving Specialist Job Description, Emberson/Turner, motion carried, 3/0.
- b. A Motion was made to approve Updated General Complaint Policy, Turner/Emberson, Motion Carried
- c. A Motion was made to approve Updated Student Freedom of Speech and Expression Policy, Turner/Emberson, Motion Carried
- d. A Motion was made to approve the new Cell Phones, Smart Phones, Pagers, and other Electronic Signaling Devices Policy, Emberson /Turner, Motion Carried

VIII. Future Agenda Items (November 2022)

- a. School Coordinator Report
- b. Updated Policies
- c. Board Member Appointment

IX. Adjourn to Closed Session Personnel (Pursuant to Gov. Code 54957) – 12:10

- a. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- b. Public Employee Resignation - discussion
- c. Public Employee Appointment- discussion
- d. Complaints / Grievances Officer Communication
- e. Legal Action
- f. Student Discipline - Discussion

XI. Return to Open Session – 12:55 – No Action Taken

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XII. Adjournment – 12:56