

**Alder Grove Charter School
Governance Council Minutes
April 15, 2025 @ 10:30 am
714 F Street, Eureka, CA 95503**

Our Commitment is to deliver personalized learning through strong family, educator, and community partnerships that empower students to achieve academic excellence and foster active citizenship.

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

Governance Council Members Absent: Kate Salazar

Teacher Representative Present: Rachel Riggs

Certificated Staff Present: Kathy Yeager, Shana Langer

Directors Present: Tim Warner, Stefani Gambrel, Nichole Dollarhide

- I. Call to order 10:38 am
- II. Review Agenda: No changes to make
- III. Comments/Emails:
 - a. Rescheduling the board dinner
 - b. CSI feedback is needed. A survey will be sent out.
- IV. Consent Items
 - a. A motion was made to approve the March 2025 minutes. Sarah motioned/Geri seconded/All in favor/approved/5/0
 - b. A motion was made to Approve the February 2025 Warrant Report: Sarah motioned/Geri seconded/all in favor/approved/5/0
- V. Reports:
 - a. Student Council
 - Focusing on events and fundraisers and bake sales currently
 - Movie Night (PJ Day) 4/18 4-6
 - Board Game Night 4/25 from 4-7
 - Reading competition extended to May 1st to encourage more participation.
 - “Say YES to the dress” to encourage students to look at formal wear we have at school.
 - b. Enrollment Report:
 - 507 students are currently enrolled
 - c. Leadership Team Report:
 - Discussed facilities and recess club, CEI, parenting class.
 - Teacher appreciation week 5/5-5/9-brainstormed ideas around appreciating CT’s and PGE’s.
 - Discussed developing a culture of volunteering at Alder Grove
 - Discussed ongoing AI policy work.

- d. Director of Secondary Programs Report:
 - No report at this time.
- e. Director of Operations/Principal's Report:
 - Front office- lottery is in process, new onboarding process
 - Single use bathroom process continues
 - Parking lot painted with AGCS and one-way arrows. Will be working on handicapped spaces soon.
 - Upcoming Professional Development: Trauma Informed Care and Restorative Practices.
 - Vape detectors have been helpful. Smoking cessation via the wellness center follows up a positive vape detection.
- f. Director of Special Services Report:
 - In June Nichole will report out all data from this current school year
 - Reminder to CT's to get the LEA Housing forms turned in for anyone possibly McKinney Vento.
 - Unsure if we will have SW interns next school year.
 - We will know by the end of the month if we get a vehicle grant for McKinney Vento students.
- g. Superintendent's Report:
 - Bread History Day went well and our basketball season is going great.
 - Facility Purchase
 1. Due diligence due 7/2. Have preliminary structural eval happening to inform re: retrofitting that may need to happen.
 2. Phase 1 - Environmental Study
 3. Broker will then initiate assessment and survey
 4. Working on loan options
 5. Architect working on design
 - Federal Funding: still looking like funding will continue through other programs (Health and Human Services, etc.). Will continue to monitor federal funding closely as things evolve.
 - Supreme Court Decision
 1. Will determine if religious charters are public or private
 2. Determines if state and federal funding can be used to fund Charter Schools.
 3. AB 84 SUPER BAD
 - a. Triples oversight fees from 1%-3% of school revenues
 - b. Dramatically expands the scope of district/COE oversight duties
 4. Apply admin credentialing laws to all charter school leaders and administrators.
 5. Massively increase the scope of the charter school audit
 6. Imposes massive financial penalties if IS students don't attend at least 80% in person instruction (30% funding loss).
 - a. This means we would lose 30% of our funding right away
 - SB 414 BETTER
 1. Better option and includes positive steps towards accountability while not drastically hurting charter schools. This was put forward as another option to AB 84. Put forward by CCSA, CSDC, A+ Collaboration.

- AB 1493 BEST
 1. Extends the use of verified data by charter schools, which is scheduled to sunset later this year. This ensures schools can continue to use verified data until a growth measure is fully implemented

VI. Discussion/Information

- a. Advisory Teacher Report
 - Kathy presented on all the aspects of the Advisory Teacher roles. Did you know?
 1. Erica and Kathy review nearly 500 Learning Reports, 6 times a year, equaling about 3,000 reports to review a year?!
 2. Kathy has assigned 253 students to CT's this year
- b. Review P-2 Report: We have the highest we ever have had for ADA
- c. Property Update: Folded that into above Superintendent Report
- d. Revised 25/26 Calendar: Corrected mistake on spring break dates.

VII. Action Items

- a. Possible Appointment of 25-26 Budget Planning Team Members
 - Matt, Sarah, and Geri volunteered. First rough draft of budget ready late May.
 1. Wednesday May 28th at 10:30 a.m. Proposed date.
- b. Possible setting of 2025-2026 Employee Health Care Cap
 - This year we have an 11% increase to our Health Care Insurance.
 - For the future...JPA has decided to raise rates 7% going forward so they can keep up with the costs versus not having a big increase in cost of employee health benefits in one year.
 - We have 3 choices:
 1. The board considered a few options within the school's budget and asked for more information:
 - a. Action: Tim will look into when the decision needs to be made (hopefully after the May meeting) and if time allows, the decision can be revisited at the May meeting, once staff has had an opportunity to provide feedback.

VIII. Future Agenda Items:

- a. GC Self Assessment
- b. Title IX Update
- c. CR CCE Agreement
- d. LCAP
- e. Local Indicators

Approved: 5/20/25