

Alder Grove Charter School
Governance Council Minutes
May 20th, 2025 @10:30 a.m.
714 F Street, Eureka, Ca 95501

Governance Council Members Present: Tim Warner, Stefani Gambrel, Sarah Weltsch, Geri Emberson, Rachael Riggs, Joy Turner, Morgan Chittenden, Jen Burtram, Kate Salazar

Governance Council Members Absent: David Turner

- I.** Call to Order 10:40 am
- II.** Review of LCAP: LCAP Reviewed, discussed ratings and scores.
- III.** Public Hearing Adjournment 10:55
- IV.** Call to Order 10:56
- V.** Public Comment:
 - a.** Stefani: Jenifer Doane would like to get the Board Dinner scheduled. This will take place at the Diver at 1 or 1:30 after the board meeting on June 10th.
 - b.** Stefani has the feedback from staff for evaluations. She will distribute during closed session.
- I.** Consent Items
 - a.** Approval of April Minute w/correction to attendance to reflect Kate Salazar in attendance: Sarah motioned, Geri seconded/All in favor/approved.
 - b.** Approval of March 2025 Warrant: Geri motioned/Sarah seconded/all in favor/approved
 - c.** Adding Item C: Student Unit Increase request from College of the Redwoods, to be added to action items below. Sarah motioned, Katie seconded/All in favor/approved
- II.** Reports:
 - a.** Student Council
 - Teacher's Appreciation Week efforts went well.
 - May 9th and 17th events both went well (End of the Year Party and Prom).
 - Board Game Night today 5/20
 - Yearbook: Things didn't go very well...too many middle people to get things they needed to get the photos and details. It did not work out. The Student Council finished off what they could, but they suggested a yearbook class and dedicated yearbook email (which there is).
 - b.** Enrollment Report:
 - 1. 506 students currently enrolled
 - Do not foresee much of a change next year
 - Lottery done in April.
 - New family enrollment meetings have happened.
 - Would be nice to have all board members and CT's attend and orientation so everyone has consistent information.
 - c.** Leadership Team Report:
 - Met early May before Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. A sub committee worked on all of that.
 - Spent the bulk of the time discussing cell phone policy and the implications of instituting a more comprehensive policy.
 - d.** Director of Secondary Programs Report:
 - New CTE Pathways flyer in the works created by Jay. Working on a video with student commentary to show what it is. Goal to show how it can be a true pathway to colleges and careers.

- Completing the Hydro pathway will be challenging for the year 1 students with the closing of Humboldt Hydro. Possibly working with Redwood Roots farm and/or matriculating with CR for completion.
- Health Careers has 5 students signed up.
- Construction site moving to Redwood Acres from Pacific View.
- CTE Showcase went well.
- Many students are taking classes at CR next year and we have 3 concurrent enrollment classes next year.
- Half of the seniors filled FAFSA (most ever at 51%) and the other half did an opt out form.
- High School kids who want to attend CalPoly can take up to 2 classes now for \$25. This applies to anything that is undergrad.
- Middle School CTE course underway for next year.

e. Director of Operations/Principal's Report:

- Bathrooms have been converted to single occupancy and blocked off space for serving students with disabilities restroom needs.
- Working on continuing emphasizing our parking area and making our ADA spots to code in June.
- New Vape detectors going in the Lobby bathrooms.
- Modules 1, 2 and 3 of the homeschool prep portals are complete.
- Decline in behavior response and management
- Next year, work with Nichole to streamline MTSS and discipline referrals.
 - a) Working with Rachael and LL to develop “Think it Through” slips.
- Working with Wellness Specialist on Peer Mediation request system.
- 150 AAIMS this year
- Went to the CEI Convergence in Ontario. It is a huge, statewide convergence that comes together to work as a multidisciplinary team to identify a problem and create inspirations to help target the problem.
- Went to a Social Emotional Learning conference last week.

f. Director of Special Services Report:

- Mary Fisher is our new School Wellness Specialist
 - She will do what the Wellness Center was doing plus a lot more and full time.
- We need to screen K-2 students twice yearly for “risk of reading difficulties”
 - We like Multitudes and need board approval below.
- CYBHI and MediCal BOP/MAA
 - We can bill the state through this via insurance coverage and it can potentially pay for multiple positions. More information to come in June.

g. Superintendent's Report:

- Shared the things he has done over the past month that included categories of fiscal/payroll, facilities/operations, plannings/compliance, advocacy/representing AGCS, misc.
- Participating in a study regarding compliance reporting to track time dedicated to compliance reporting to hopefully pare down the reporting or combine reports.
- Supreme Court Case: No updates at this time..more info late May/early June.
- AB84: Passed through the Education Committee and going through the Appropriations Committee. See past notes regarding the possible impacts of this.
- SB414: Passes Senate Education Committee, then going to Senate Appropriations.
- AB1493: Did not pass-Failed in Education Committee

III. Discussion/Information

a. Governance Council Self-Assessment

- Complete Self-Assessment and bring it into the next meeting. Board members will keep self-assessment to meet Brown Act requirements.

b. Building Update

- There is a plan 2 from our draftsperson that will need to be reviewed.
- Tim has met with some builders to discuss building.
- Roof situation is being discussed with professionals.

c. Health Insurance Update

- When you make changes to how the school makes contributions to benefits it triggers a 30 day period for employees to change their coverage.
 - We will have 3-4 options to propose to the board for the June 10th meeting.
 - There will be an info-graphic that can be shared with staff prior to the next board meeting.

b. Motion to add Announce Agenda Amendment for April: Sarah motioned/Geri seconded/ All in favor/Zero Nay. Motion passes.

IV. Action Items

a. Possible Approval of the Title IX Updated Policy

- Discussion ensued
- Motion to approve: Katie motioned/Geri seconded /all in favor

b. Possible Approval of UCSF Universal Screening Platform for use as Reading Difficulties Risk Assessment

- Motion to approve: Geri motioned/Sarah seconded /all in favor

c. Student Unit Increase Request from College of the Redwoods.

- Motion to approve: Sarah motioned/Katie Seconded/ all in favor

d. Motion to add CCAP Appendix A: Sarah motioned/Geri seconded/ All in favor/Zero Nay. Motion passes.

e. Approval of CCAP Appendix A: Sarah motioned/Geri seconded/ All in favor/Zero Nay. Motion passes.

V. Future Agenda Items:

a. Possible Setting of Health Care Cap

b. Possible seating Returning GC Members

c. Possible Setting of numbers of GC members

d. Possible Setting of Date, Time, Location of meeting

e. Possible Renewal of Annual Contracts

f. Possible Approval of the 25-26 Annual Budget

g. Possible Approval of the Consolidated Applications and Assurances

h. Possible Review of the P-3

VI. Adjourned to Close Session 12:33 p.m.

a. Student discipline matter discussed: No action taken

b. Superintendent evaluation planning: No action taken

VII. Adjournment 1:30