

Alder Grove Charter School 2  
714 F Street, Eureka, CA 95501  
Governance Council Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2026

GC Members Present: Geri Emberson, Kate Salazar, David Turner, Matt Wilton

GC Members Absent: Sarah Weltsch

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- I. Called To Order: 9:38
- II. Conference with legal counsel – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1)
- III. Adjourn closed session: 10:27 am
- IV. Closed Session Report Out - The board has directed legal counsel to retain an “Independent, Third Party Investigator” to investigate the complaint. The motion was approved as follows:

David – Yes	Sarah - Absent
Geri – Yes	Matt - Abstained
Kate – Yes	

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- I. Called To Order: 10:33
- II. Review Agenda
- III. Public Comment
  - Geri – As a board we cannot respond to public comment and there is a limit to 3 minutes
  - Rachel states that teachers have expressed the desire to have more input to the GC. This includes putting a possible CT report on the agenda and changing the time of the GC meetings. She also noted that staff morale is down with idea of a reduction in the step increase for pay schedule.
  - Leslie is proud to be a part of AGCS and is sure that we all can find a way to overcome our current problems.
  - Sunshine agreed with Leslie and expressed thanks to Matt and the GC as a whole.
  - Cassie announced her intention to resign at the end of the year due to a complaint that started before this year. She thought that the problem was only hers but discovered that other teachers had voiced similar concerns. She foresees other teachers leaving the school if issues are not addressed.
  - Jaime states that the GC Meeting times make it impossible for her to make and requests that there be a change to the meeting time to make it more accessible. Her faith in the school has been shaken, and she would like to see a return to access and transparency of the GC.
  - Jeff announced that he is Leaving at the end of the year because he feels that the school has diverged from the original mission of the school and there has been a lack of transparency.
- IV. Consent Items
  - a. Possible Approval of Feb 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes (Matt / Geri / All approved / 4/0)
  - b. Possible Approval of January 2026 Warrant Report (Matt / Geri / All approved/ 4/0)

## V. Reports

### a. Student Council Report

- Student council is currently in hiatus because there is not enough interest in the student body due to time conflicts.
- Sunshine and other staff helped make the Valentine's Day Dance a success with approximately 50 kids present.

### b. Enrollment Report

- Enrollment is 509. Teachers are stepping up to fill the gap from a teacher being on temporary leave.

### c. Leadership Team Report

- Revisited Academic Integrity Policy and discussed a Cyber Civics Course
- Staff appreciation week included flowers, coffee, brunch and a day off.

### d. Director of Secondary Programs Report

- Grad checks complete for 35 students, 26 of who have completed FAFSA
- 6 students have signed up to take SAT
- High School Night will be held 4-23
- CCGI alignment with OASIS should go live during the 26/27 school year
- Still working on Alternative Pathways to Diploma

### e. Director of Operations Report

- Working to fill in gaps on the Fall Class Registrations
- Shelter in place drill next week
- Student support: there is an increase in safety issues, but a break in AAIM's

### f. Director Of Special Services Report

- Distributed a copy of the Compliance Letter received from CDE
- Further update next month

### g. Superintendent Report

- Charter Renewal – Received a unanimous vote from ECS Board
- Noted that the Governor's Budget Proposal decreased the COLA from 3% down to 2%. This is what is used to pay salaries. Traditionally, AGCS has had a history of trying to take care of our employees. We want to have reasonable and competitive salaries while still looking at the financial longevity of the school. To this end we will be looking at shopping for liability insurance.

## VI. Discussion / Information

### a. Assessment and Academic Support Coordinators Report

- Handout was given highlighting the known results of the Statewide Assessments that run from November through March.
- Information was given in regards to the types academic support that is offered as well as how that support is being utilized.

## VII. CA Form 700 – Turn In

## VIII. Governance Council Meeting Time

- Tim noted that the GC used to meet in the evening after school hours, but the members at that time desired to be at home with families so they voted to change to the current time. Future GC times will be set during the June meeting.

- IX. Action Items
- a. Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Budget (Matt / Kate / All approved/ 4/0)
    - There was an online presentation by Candace from DMS
  - b. Approval of Academic Integrity Policy with removal of rubrics (Matt / Kate / All approved/ 4/0)
  - c. Approval of 26-27 School Year Calendar (Matt / Kate / All approved / 4/0)
  - d. Approval of the Resolution of Intent to Withdraw from Chartersafe (Matt / Kate / all approved/ 4/0)
  - e. Approval of the Principal /Director of Operations Salary Schedule retroactive to beginning of this year (Geri / Matt / All approve/ 4/0). Nichole requested that it be noted that the DMS report for SPED is not what she expected and is requesting that we gather more data.

X. Future Agenda Items

**Possible Discussion**

P2 Report

Advisory Teacher Coordinators Report

GC Statements / Ballots for GC Election

**Possible Action**

Budget Planning Team meeting

Next School Year Calendar (If not approved)

SLPA Position

**Possible Closed Session**

1<sup>st</sup> Draft / Plan Superintendent Evaluation

XI. Adjourn to Closed Session

XII. Report Out Any Action Taken in Closed Session

XIII. Adjourn