

Governance Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @ 10:30 am
714 F St, Eureka, CA 95501

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

Governance Council Members Absent:

Certificated Staff Present: Stefani Gambrel, Nichole Dollarhide, Jen Burtram, Shana Langer

Director Present: Tim Warner

Classified Staff / Guests: Amy Tuner

- I. Called to Order at 10:34
- II. Review Agenda: A motion was made to add agenda items: VI. Discussion” Assessment and Academic Coordinator Update and under “VII. Action Items” Student Unit Increase. Motion approved, 5/0
- III. Public Comment – Amy Turner expressed excitement about the potential of the new building.
- IV. Consent Items
 - a. Motion to approve the January 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes Weltsch\ Salazar\motion approved 5/0
 - b. Motion to approve November 2024 Warrant Reports Weltsch\ Emberson\motion approved 5/0
- V. Reports
 - a. Student Council
 - See’s Candy fundraiser raised \$150
 - New students have joined student council
 - Student Council decided to gather pics for yearbook if someone else will format
 - Upcoming Events
 - ✓ Valentine Day Dance, Costco has donated flowers
 - ✓ Read Across America (Planned for March 3-6, but will have to adjust dates due to holidays. They will have various things to encourage reading)
 - ✓ Prom Committee settled on theme of Starry Night
 - b. Enrollment Report
 - Enrollment is at 490 students. Due to the language used in the Charter no material revision is needed to exceed 500 students.
 - c. Leadership Team
 - Directory of Conversations focused on facility, rechartering process and homeschool prep course.
 - Shana made a presentation about the Community School Corner.
 - Input on various policies
 - We either met or exceeded expectations for Goal 1 of the LCAP

- d. Secondary Services
 - Upcoming events include 8th Grade field trip to Cal-Poly (2-14) and High School Information Day (3-12)
 - Submitted new grant for California Serves. This deals with student engagement around government and economy, with potential recognition at graduation.
- e. Director of Operations
 - Front office is running smoothly
 - Working on Chromebook ownership program, vape detectors and single use bathrooms.
- f. Director of Special Services
 - Positive feedback from a letter sent to AGCS families in light of the changing political climate.
 - There has been a big improvement in special education scores for CAASPP
 - We are in the process of hiring a School Wellness Specialist
- g. Superintendent
 - Attended the Fulbright Symposium in Washington DC. (AGCS has two Fulbright Fellows)
 - Many meetings dealing with a variety of topics including leadership, budgets, and emergency preparedness.
- h. McKinney Vento
 - Many opportunities to help the 25 McKinney Vento students which have included referrals to outside agencies, gas cards, food packs, and hygiene baskets
 - Waiting to hear back about the \$25,000 grant from Coast Central for vehicle

VI. Discussion

- a. JPA \ Charter Safe Cost Comparison: Recommendation to keep Charter Safe
- b. Assessment & Academic Support.
 - It is important that our students participate in statewide and schoolwide assessments. Because of this, there is a reward system that has been put into place, and we are seeing completion rates above 90%.
 - There are 166 students that participate in academic support programs including writing lab, math lab, tutoring, and learning labs.
- c. LCAP Midyear: On track to meet goals \ implementation
- d. GC Member Seat Discussion: Both Geri and Sarah are willing to continue as their terms are up for renewal
- e. Property Purchase: Many things need to be accomplished. Once the contract is signed, there is a 140 day window to perform due diligence items.

VII. Action Items

- a. A motion was made to approve the 25-26 School year calendar. Weltsch/Salazar, motion approved, 5/0
- b. A Motion was made to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan. Weltsch/Salazar, motion approve, 5/0
- c. A motion was made to approve the Request for Unit Increase for Jade and Sam Putnam. Weltsch/Salazar, motion approved, 5/0

VIII. Future Agenda Items

- Second Interim budget
- Hiring of Auditor
- Collect CA Form 700
- Superintendent Evaluation Process and timeline
- Discussion of Logo

IX. Adjourn to Closed Session at 12:40 pm

X. Return to Open Session at 12:46 pm

XI. Action taken in closed Session – No closed session held

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 1:02 pm

Minutes Prepared by: David Turner, Secretary

Approved: 3-18-25