



Governance Council Meeting

Monday, Jan. 8 at 6:00 pm

Online via Google Meet: meet.google.com/fza-tzse-go

- I. Call to order - Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- II. Affirmation of open session - Kelly - at 6:02 pm.
- III. Acknowledge voting teachers for this session - [Voting teacher doc](#) - voting teachers for this session are: Amber Willoughby and Sheena Schroeder
- IV. Present/ Absent members
Present: Kelly Nielsen, Brooke Knoll, Bryan Nell, Keela Distheraft
Absent: Katie Feldner, Joe Michels, Jennah Armga
Staff/Admin present: Shawn Gartzke, Amber Willoughby, Sheena Schroeder
- V. Review & approval of minutes
 - A. December 2023:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tZ6t-AH1WWpnV5q5XOC1pNTQ8B6AXu/dv/edit>
Kelly moved to approve the December 11, 2023 Journey Governance Council meeting minutes. Amber seconded. Motion carried.
- VI. Community Input - no community input; parent engagement meeting coming up on Wednesday, Jan. 10th
- VII. Executive Team Report
 - A. President's report - hoping to see as many people as possible at Parent Engagement Meeting on Wednesday
 - B. Treasurer's Report - [Council doc](#) - Financial log tab - no updates
 - C. Administrator's Report
 1. Update on One School process and dates - There has not been any community/parent input since the press release went out, hoping this is a good sign that the schools combining is positive. There will be three action items on the Board agenda for February- 1) Barlow not renewing their contract, 2) Journey ending local contract and 3) Hoping to have the motion to combine two schools. Bryan asked if there was a specific plan for how the two schools will come together, how will teacher assignments be handled (for example, students in first grade Journey may be expecting to be placed with the current second grade Journey teachers for the following school year) - Shawn responded that there will be a guiding team (teachers from each grade level from each part of the building, plus special ed teachers) who will work directly with all other staff/teachers to help with the transition and there will be a request process for placement. Kelly asked if/how the training that staff and governance



- council members just went through in Australia for Barlow Park Charter could continue to be relevant. Shawn responded that there will still be elements from the training that will be utilized in classrooms.
2. P/T Conference Attendance Goals - coming up first week in February. Teachers will be reaching out to schedule; goal is 100% attendance (96% last semester).
- VIII. Teachers' report - lots of student assessments taking place (iReady math and reading, plus report card assessments, and BASS reading assessment).
- IX. Team reports
- A. Events & Promotions -
 1. Butterflies and Bowties dance planning - DJ and photographer are secured. Waiting to hear from Adam Downs regarding fliers, if he is unable to create them, Amber will create them. Sign up for helping before or during the dance will be coming out soon. Will also include Barlow Park Charter staff and governance council to help with dance. This could potentially help with the development of a school-wide PTO. Need to secure a place that is willing to donate dessert- Amber will reach out to Mr. & Mrs. Ps. Sheena will reach out to the Gagne family - they had mentioned wanting to donate.
 - B. Marketing & Communication - No updates
 - C. School Support - No updates
 - D. P.T.O. - No updates
- X. Old Business - No updates
- XI. New Business - Kelly asked if we needed to continue meeting monthly or if we could move to meet every other month or as needed. There was consensus that we could cut back on meetings moving forward. Shawn responded that at some point he'd like to get both governance councils together to discuss the transition. Will re-evaluate meetings for the rest of the school year at the March meeting.
- XII. Adjourn -Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Monday, Feb. 12 at 6:00 pm

Journey Project School Mission: Developing a foundation for students to problem solve and flourish beyond the classroom

Journey Project School Vision: Journey Project School, serving students in grades Kindergarten through grade 2, lays the educational foundation through project-based learning. Journey Project School will provide a project-based