



Governance Council Meeting
Monday, Dec. 11 at 6:00 pm

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

- I. Call to order -president
Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Affirmation of open session - president
Kelly - at 6:00 p.m.
- III. Acknowledge voting teachers for this session -[Voting teacher doc](#)
Voting teachers for this session: Amber Willoughby, Sheena Schroeder
- IV. Present/ Absent members
Members present: Kelly Nielsen, Katie Feldner, Jennah Armga, Brooke Knoll, Bryan Nell
Members absent: Joe Michels, Keela Disterhaft
Admin/Staff present: Shawn Gartzke, Amber Willoughby, Sheena Schroeder
- V. Review & approval of minutes
 - A. November:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kfLx7Dsh8FvG8Uu6X6lgeQczxR0cFi0J/edit>
Kelly moved to approve the November 13, 2023 Journey Governance Council Meeting minutes. Katie seconded. Motion carried.
- VI. Community Input - none
- VII. Teachers' report - Gallery walk went very well, it was nice to have it before winter break.
- VIII. Executive Team Report
 - A. President's report - no updates
 - B. Treasurer's Report - [Council doc](#) - **Financial log** tab - financial log is up to date; no updates
 - C. Administrator's Report
 1. BPC Status - over the past couple of months BPC governance council members and teachers have had discussions as to whether the charter will be renewed when contract ends at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Shawn met individually with teachers as well to discuss their thoughts; it was determined by BPC teachers that they did not want to renew for various reasons.
 2. Journey Teacher Meetings - Shawn met with teachers to get their thoughts on how things were going with Journey as well as how they hoped to see things in the future. Also discussed the comments around BPC. General consensus was to have one combined school.



3. Future - theme of having one school highly present in both Journey and Barlow Park Charter. Teachers are on board with combining schools once BPC contract is up at the end of the current school year.

IX. New Business

- A. Discussion of Journey for 2024-2025 - Would continue to ask for parent support (PTO versus governance council) if schools are combined. Ideally would go to School Board for discussion at January meeting so Board could vote on moving forward at the February school Board meeting (prior to school choice). There was discussion about what best practices would be moving forward. Shawn has a vision for what we should aim for, but would also include other stakeholders before finalizing educational plan moving forward. Entire staff would develop mission and vision together. There is much to be determined, but ideally a lot of what Journey currently does would be implemented moving forward. Project based approach would likely be a large component. Play-based instruction would also likely be a component, specifically for social-emotional learning. Could potentially also still use competency based practices for some things as well (i.e. certain groups of students collaborating together for reading). Kelly asked about fundraising (funds that are currently there, future fundraising efforts planned for this school year) - where would funds go? Would we still do fundraising this year? Shawn would like to see money go directly to teachers to benefit their students this year. Another option could be to purchase playground equipment to meet the needs of all kids. Initial thoughts on fundraising events for the rest of this school year and moving forward are to continue to have the dance but pause on pizza fundraising for this school year.
- B. Vote - [Agenda Item Proposal](#)

Motion: Kelly moved that the Journey Governance Council approve the recommendation to end the local contract with the Ripon Area School District Board of Education effective June 30, 2024, allowing for the formation of one 4K-2 school in RASD pending Board of Education approval. Brooke seconded. Jennah, Bryan, Katie, Amber and Sheena all agreed as well.

Motion carried.

X. Team reports

- A. Events & Promotions
Butterflies & Bowties Dance - will continue to move forward with this event. Only change to be made will potentially be the flier going out. Also will increase ticket price to \$25 per family. Will not do pizza fundraiser this year.
- B. Marketing & Communication
No updates
- C. School Support
No updates



D. P.T.O.

No updates

XI. Old Business

None

XII. Adjourn

Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Bryan seconded. motion carried.

Next meeting: Monday, Jan. 8 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