



Journey Charter School Governance Council Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2015
5:30 PM
BPES and Journey Media Center

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Shelly Kastenschmidt, Steve Nankervis, Sarah Rieder, Carrie Naparalla, Heather Donovan, Nicole Mashock, Joel Spaulding, Tanya Sanderfoot, Brett Long

Absent: Amy Pollesch

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:33pm

II. Approval of June meeting minutes

Steve Nankervis made the motion to accept the June meeting minutes. Joel Spaulding second. Motion approved.

III. Community Input

Tanya Sanderfoot welcomed as the new Principal of JCS/BPES

IV. Treasurer's Report/Remaining grant money expenditures

Checking Account: \$9504.73

Webster's Foundation Grants: \$1371.68

Journey may receive a reimbursement of \$666 for Myra's computer that was purchased with grant money. If the school board approves Myra's request to keep her computer Journey would need to receive a refund for that amount. This will be going to the School Board for consideration next week.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Sustainability- Steve, Sarah
- b. Policy and Planning- Shelly, Heather
- c. Community Relations- Joel, Nicole

A new brochure was printed up that showcases Journey Charter School that can be presented at meetings/conventions.

Video: Haley Julian will be doing a second parent interview. Hoping to have footage to view at the beginning of the school year. When a final copy of the video is received it should be placed on the Journey section of the School District website.

d. Academic Excellence- Brett, Carrie

Parents can sign up for committees on Back to School night.

VI. Old Business & Discussion Items

a. Project Lead the Way update

-PLTW has been approved by the School Board. There is no longer grant money available for the purchase of ipads. Any additional ipads would need to be purchased by the School District. Liz went to a conference for PLTW and really liked it. PLTW materials have been ordered by the School District and are waiting for them to come in.

Tanya mentioned that there is concern that the operating systems on the current ipads may not support the new PLTW apps. It is being looked into by the district.

b. 2015-16 Committees

see above

c. Teacher Contract Update

Since last meeting the Council received a letter from Carrie Phillips stating interest in 1st Grade Sheena was offered a full contract and is no longer on a 1 yr contract

-All Journey Charter School teachers are on a full contract

Randy Schmidt will now be working Special Education in both Journey and Barlow.

d. Governance Council Training, July 23 8:30-12:00 in BPES/JCS Library

Quest Council will be attending

VII. Administrator's and Teacher's Reports

a. Four Pillars:

Humanities: Fine Arts Focus

2015-16 Driving Question: How can you express yourself creatively and develop an appreciation for fine art?

Topics: Music, Theatre, Art

Possible mini showcase afternoon/nights at Mugs for kids to show what they have learned in each category.

Once per month students will still participate in the previous focuses: Random Acts of Kindness and Health/Wellness

b. Class numbers & wait lists

Kindergarten: 40 students with no waitlist (42 students Barlow- 2 sections)

1st Grade: 41 students with 5 on the waitlist (61 students Barlow- 3 sections)

2nd Grade: 41 students with no waitlist (4 students may be moving out of district) (53 student Barlow- 3 sections)

c. Report Card Reporting

Looking to add Success Skills/PBL Rubrics to the report cards for Journey Students: Critical Thinking, Creativity & Innovation, Presentation and Teamwork

If changes are made to the standards/reporting on student assessments (report cards) for Journey, the new adaptations would need to be sent to the Journey Council for review/approval and then sent to the School Board for consideration.

d. Annual Report

Carrie put together the report and submitted it to the School Board.

VIII. New Business

a. Our School district in the news

The Ripon School District has been in the news lately and not all stories have been positive. Journey is a part of the School District and everyone needs to be careful about posting negative comments online.

b. Journey Family Cookout, August 18 at 5:30pm (setup 3:00)

Families can order additional clothing (sweatshirts, t-shirts, adult shirts) at the cookout and forms need to be turned in on Back to School Night. (All incoming Kindergarten students will receive a Journey t-shirt paid for by PTO.)

Council is in charge of invitations, food from PnS (hamburger/hotdogs, fruit, chips, cake)

Activities: Carrie will ask the teachers what activity if any will be done with the students that night. Other ideas are sidewalk chalk, bubbles....

Invitations: will be sent out July 31 with RSVP due August 13th

Next Meeting: August 10 at 5:30PM in the BPES and JCS Media Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Rieder, secretary