



Governance Council Meeting
January 13, 2020
BPES & Journey Media Center 5:00 pm

I. Call to order at 6:15pm

a. Affirmation of open session

Present: Chris Boede, Kim Downs, Kelly Esala, Lindsay Machkovich, Kim Scanlon, Stephanie Stettler, Tanya Sanderfoot, Carrie Naparalla

II. Review & approval of minutes from December 9, 2019

Motion to approve by Lindsay second by Stephanie motion approved

III. Community Input-none

IV. Treasurer's Report: <https://goo.gl/KprDb4>

V. Old Business & Discussion Items

None

VII. Administrator's Update

a. Class Numbers: 8 students started after the new year

Current Numbers:

K J 23, 23, 20 BPES 23, 23

1st J 21, 21 BPES 19, 21, 19

2nd J 23, 23 BPES 20, 20, 20

b. A Day in the Life update

Tuesday, January 14-this event will replace our Kindergarten Screening. 4 Sessions, 25 minutes in length with all four schools being represented. Child care will be offered. All sessions will be videotaped for sharing on social media.

VIII. Teacher's Report

a. AFGRE STEM grant-Carrie received an email from Dr. Whitrock asking her if Journey staff would be interested in pursuing a \$15,000.00 AFGRE STEM grant. Carrie will talk with staff about how to meld this grant with our current pillars.

B. DPI Charter Benchmarks-Dr. Whitrock is going through the contract to ensure all



benchmarks are in the contract. Carie has asked Dr. Whitrock if she will be completing this document for Journey or if we are still responsible as we have done it in years past.

We do need to do become a nonstock council

There is a new DPI benchmark that indicates: "Evidence that the charter governance board is a legally incorporated governing board independent of the authorizer. *This is evidence that the charter governance board is a nonstock corporation, for profit corporation, LLC, or partnership organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin.*"

Dana Moracco sent Jonah an email regarding this benchmark to see if it applied to existing charters and received the following email from Jonah:

Cassi Benedict from the DPI (Cassandra.Benedict@dpi.wi.gov) is a good contact for learning more about the new requirement - which will apply for future charter renewals . She wrote, "The requirement for a charter school governing board to be a legal entity d party to the charter contract was included in 2015 WI Act 55, the 2015-17 state biennial budget bill, which was effective in July 2015. In August of 2015, the department provided all authorizers and charter school operators with a summary of the law changes. The summary noted the new provisions would apply to charters entered into, updated, or renewed after the effective date of the bill. We are requesting to have documentation of the separate legal entity when you submit the contract renewal to the DPI."

*After further conversation with Nick Pretasky at WRCCS, he confirmed that Journey Charter School is nonstock 501(c)3 and that includes the Governance Council so we are all set. He did indicate that older charter schools that never became 501(c)3, like Quest and Catalyst, would need to do so at this time.

IX. New Business/Discussion Items

a. Journey Contract-Changes are in red per Jolene Meyer and ready to send to the Board.

b. Father/Daughter Dance

Save the Dates went out before winter break

Posters will be put up this week

Conversation regarding who will be responsible for set up, clean up, ordering of balloons, getting numbers to Mugs, etc. All information is in the Father/Daughter Dance Prep

Google Doc:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UEF_Ic_vfYMKjziAMTeV54ciZY0zYmdH1IB9o1h75k/edit



VIII. Adjourn @ 7:14pm

Next meeting: Monday, February 10th

Important Dates to Note:

February 8, 2020 - Father/Daughter Dance

March 7, 2020 - Pizza Making

April 25, 2020 - Mother/Son Lasertag

Journey Charter School Mission: Journey Charter School, serving students in grades KG-02, lays the educational foundation through project-based learning. Journey Charter School provides students with the opportunity to investigate real-world questions through active learning and peer collaboration. Through multi-age experiences and a host of community partnerships, Journey Charter School strengthens the whole child in fostering inquiry and critical thinking skills while guiding students to emerge as leaders, lifelong learners, and problem solvers.

Journey Charter School Vision: Empower students to problem solve, collaborate, and flourish beyond the classroom.