



Governance Council Meeting  
December 14, 2020  
Virtual Meeting 6:00 pm

**I. Call to order at 6:10pm**

- a. Affirmation of open session
- b. Acknowledgement of voting teachers – Aria Palmer, Amber Willoughby
- c. Present: Lindsay Machkovich, Chris Boede, Kelly Esala, Stephanie Tavs, Katie Feldner, Diane Johnson, Kim Scanlon, Kim Downs, Amber Willoughby, Aria Palmer, Jacqueline Adams  
Absent: Tanya Sanderfoot

**II. Review & approval of minutes from November 9, 2020 and November 20, 2020**

Motion to approve by Lindsay; second by Kim; motion approved unanimously

**III. Community Input**-none

**IV. Executive Team Report**

- a. President's Report- Lindsay added dates to the calendar last week. Team leaders should look it over and add deadlines or updates as they come up within their committees.
- b. Lindsay and Stephanie met with Pam Mumm, the board of the Barlow Charter School Board to discuss combining the handbook, the goal is to make it uniformed throughout both charter schools. Still a work in progress- they will be meeting in January.
- c. Lindsay and Kim have shopped for the two families (8 children) that needed support. Worked with Emmy Jess and gifts are dropped off- she was very grateful for our donation and help.
- b. Treasurer's Report: <https://goo.gl/KprDb4> - Stephanie reported that the report should be up to date except for one outstanding check. She has ordered new checks and still waiting to hear back from the bank about the different accounts and ordering a debit card. The law firm bill was for a district charge- it can be disregarded.
- c. New Member Orientation- no new updates- still in progress.
- d. Administrator's Report- None. Tanya was absent.
- e. Secretary's Report- No updates.

**V. Academic Excellence Team**- Katie and Kim met with the teacher's to have a primary discussion on what their focus should be on right now. The group would like to focus on the 3 common core values right now. Katie is looking into professional development opportunities for the teachers. The group will meet again in January. There is a \$250 math grant and the goal is for it to be used by the end of the school year. The group decided to use the stem donation from the Johnson family into purchasing Hydroponic towers which will tie into the Health and Wellness theme. Aria did hear back on PBL training and will be starting in February 2021. The board also had discussion on the idea of providing indoor recess project



kits. Oriental Trading Company had some kits that the teachers would like to purchase. Lindsay will also reach out to Sheena and Brett to get access to the wish list document.

Motion to approve purchase indoor recess packets by Stephanie; second by Kim, motion approved unanimously.

**VI. Sustainability and Resource Development Team Report-** Chris reported that the group met and brainstormed on different wants and different ways to spend money within a long and short term plans. The teachers were working on a lists of their wants along with the costs. They had a question on the referendum and what is being accounted for the budget. They can put in requests for use of the budget with innovation requests but what classifies innovation vs updates to the classroom? Short term ideas were for the playground to have a shed and tricycles, raised garden beds, and hydroponics inside the school.

**VII. Community Relations Team Report-** Kelly is in process of working on the brochures and working on getting updated pictures. Vines and Rushes have a lot of Mondays free after the new year for Cause of the Mondays. The group discussed that they should coordinate with the Gallery Walk in order to promote for the event. The Gallery Walk will be taking place on 2/25/21 and the Cause of the Mondays will be held the Monday after (3/1/21).

**VIII. Teacher's Report-** Amber reported that planning is underway for Gallery Walk. They will be prerecording their presentations in the classroom and will be sharing via link to families for a viewing part on the actual Gallery Walk event. Still figuring out logistics and might provide links for everyone to visit different classroom presentations. The kindergarten t-shirts are still not here yet but they are in the process of being shipped.

Tanya will be meeting with staff this week on school choice planning and to make sure to send a report of the meeting to Lindsay. Lindsay will be looking into posting/promoting Amazon smile and Target non-profit opportunity on Facebook. The group discussed the status of the letter to the school board. Amber and Arya will look into it and will report at next meeting. Lindsay emphasized that the committees technically do not have to meet every month but to make sure that the committee members are communicating and completing tasks that come up.

#### **IX. Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm**

Next meeting: Monday, January 11th @ 6:00 pm

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