

## Quest Governance Council Regular Meeting

February 9, 2021

Google Meet @ 4:45 pm - <https://meet.google.com/ipf-gpes-yju>

1. Formalities
  - 1.1. Call to Order: 4:48
  - 1.2. Roll Call: Present: Keri Simacek, Lesley Ernst, Jessi Johnson, Deb Weiski, Christina Othon, Christine Engle, Janet Ernst, Stephanie Tavs, Renee Bunge, Meg Hartzell, Morgan Leonard, Dana Moracco, Gretchen Geiger. Absent: Kayla Peterson
  - 1.3. Affirmation of Public Notice.
  - 1.4. Statement of the Quest Elementary School Vision: Quest Charter School provides a rigorous and challenging interdisciplinary curriculum grounded in 21st Century skills leading to a collaborative environment for personalized learning and group engagement.
  - 1.5. Adoption of Agenda: *Motion - Gretchen Second - Stephanie Tavs*
  - 1.6. Approval of January 2021 Minutes: *Motion - Christine Engle Second - Gretchen Geiger*
  
2. Announcements, Recognition, Public Comments, Special Presentations. None
  
3. Old Business. None
  
4. Reports
  - 4.1. Curriculum
    - 4.1.1. Data Reporting Methods. CQI district. Schools use Continuous Quality Improvement, It constantly changes and is updated as classes go through the semester. It has been a huge motivator for individual kids to keep track of their progress and they know right where they are. Data walls in each classroom shows goals and benchmarks towards achievement. Kids are becoming data savvy. Renee shared an example of the data wall. Shows great improvement. Curricula was piloted 4-5 years ago and began to roll it out the following year. Deb W. mentioned that all parents should see this data and they would be impressed. The schools share the composite data with the school board, If we were allowed to have parents in the classroom the parents would be able to see the data boards.
    - 4.1.2. Implementation of PBL during the Pandemic. Doing the best they can and collaboration, innovation and technology are being incorporated into each grade and project. Virtual project showcase is expected to come in March and May.
    - 4.1.3. Inclusion of Virtual students. Virtual students were included in both the projects and the small group work. Their scores were included in GQI data wall, too.
  - 4.2. Principal/Council/Teacher Member Reports
    - 4.2.1. Concerns (student competency, projected enrollment, budget, etc.). Renee did not address these specific issues but offered some thoughts on the remainder of the year and next year. For example, Schools are expected to receive ESSER funds. Will help to keep class sizes small. Expect to hire and retain full + part time reading interventionists: Will put caps on open enrollment. 35 new kids came to school this year. Want summer school fully in-person. That info will come out before spring break. Next year will encourage any virtual students to enroll in Odyssey.
      - 4.2.1.1. Student performance on core competencies.
      - 4.2.1.2. Do results differ from pre-covid normal outcomes?

- 4.2.1.3. Is growth differing for various students and what are contributing factors?
    - 4.2.1.4. Resources needed beyond what is implemented district wide?
  - 4.3. Treasurer Report: Recent Expenses. Quest has not spent any money.
- 5. New Business
  - 5.1. Review communication methods. Monthly newsletter. Teachers share information in different ways. Kids will tell parents what's going on. Monthly board highlights from School board meeting minutes. Handbook is accessible as well. One suggestion is a Quest newsletter. Staff cannot take that on. Feedback from parents is encouraged. It has been happening on an individual basis. Want to discuss challenges. Timely feedback is important. Surveys are not adequate to address timely issues. Parents were tired of surveys. The school would not welcome surveys because the district already does one. Some parents used surveys to air private grievances.
  - 5.2. Handbook Update (Steph). This item will be moved to March's agenda
  - 5.3. Fundraising (Deb). This item will be moved to March's agenda
    - 5.3.1. Art Fundraiser-Original Works-"Creativity is not Canceled" Orders are due Friday, 2/18.
    - 5.3.2. Plant Sale-
- 6. Next meeting: March 9 @ 4:45pm.
- 7. Lottery: March 9 @ 5:15. School choice forms are due this month. Some parents missed the email. Renee will send out another email blast.
- 8. Adjournment 5:59 pm: *motion- Stephanie Second- Jessi*