

## Quest Governance Council Regular Meeting

April 13, 2021

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

1. Formalities
  - 1.1. Call to Order: 4:46
  - 1.2. Roll Call: Janet Ernst, Sessi Johnson, Kayla Peterson, Lesley Ernst, Morgan Leonard, Renee Bunge, Stephanie Tavs, Dana Moracco, Christina Othon, Christine Engle, Deb Weiske, and Gretchen Gieger.
  - 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 Janet E.- Second - Gretchen G.*
  - 1.6. Approval of March 2021 Minutes: *Motion - Janet E. Second - Gretchen G.*
  
2. Announcements, Recognition, Public Comments, Special Presentations
  - 2.1. Hero Day. Went so very well. Very busy day but was such a testament to the power of the team. Kudos to Gretchen for coming up with this idea. When is teacher superhero day?
  - 2.2. Greenhouse: Sprinkler semi-installed. Fenner men installed most of the system and Ernst men will install pressure regulators this weekend to get water to all sprinkler heads. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this happen: Johnson family for donation of funds to purchase the sprinkler system, Fenner and Ernst families for your time and expertise installing it, and Christine E for soil donation.
  
3. Old Business
  
4. Reports
  - 4.1. Principal/Council/Teacher Member Reports
    - 4.1.1. State Testing. Each week a different grade level takes the test. 2nd week in and had some problems with submission of some information so some students had to retake sections and other glitches here and there that slowed down testing rate. 4th grade gets additional testing . Writing is removed this year but they still have reading, math, science and social studies testing. Tests are ave. 15-40 min. In length. Breaks are given. Kids are encouraged. Aids have come in to help proxy testing for small group environments. Thanks to Travis Liptow and Allison Ellis for their wonderful IT support. Testing Snacks: 3rd Grade still needs snacks. Gretchen will send out another reminder to SignUp Genius.
    - 4.1.2. School Choice. Waitlists have not been made yet.
    - 4.1.3. New Staff . No movement for current teachers. Interviews for a 5th grade teacher start next week. Several teachers and Lesley will be on the panel. Ms. Butters is resigning and media tech and IT tech positions are combining to full time. Allison has expressed interest in the position. Open applications and interviews will also be given. 2 dedicated reading interventionists are granted to MPS next year!
    - 4.1.4. EOTY Field Day on last day school? Funds are available to have one. Looking for parent volunteers to put together events. Must be COVID friendly. Usually a half-day morning event. Contact Renee if interested. There are some past ideas that could be modified and put to use this year.
    - 4.1.5. Spring Showcase Plans. Will be online again but no date set yet. State testing is time-intensive and teachers need time to pull from each day to meet demands of Showcase plus state exams. Flower sale will correspond with Showcase plans

- 4.2. Council members. Volunteers needed to water and weed a “community garden” outside the school over the summer. Extras from the Plant Sale will be planted in the garden. Parents needed to maintain and harvest their crops at the end. Look for a signup from Gretchen. Volunteers also needed to maintain totems and flowerbed by Sunset Ave entrance. Change batteries, weed, etc. Dana volunteered. Dana volunteered to get “Every Kid in a Park” vouchers for 4th and 5th graders who want to take advantage of this program. It’s extended to 5th grade families through August 31st of this year. Usually only for 4th grade families from Sept 1 - Aug 31. Dana will reach out to teachers to gauge interest.
- 4.3. Treasurer
  - 4.3.1. Recent Expenses. Seeds, soil, pots for plant sale. Less than \$300 spent.
5. New Business
  - 5.1. Governance Council Positions for 2021/22
    - 5.1.1. Term ending for Lesley, Kayla, Debbie and Janet. Send Lesley names of good candidates. Teachers will nominate replacement for Janet. Parent members come up with the other 3. Lesley will provide announcement wording to Pam for IC dispersal to incoming 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade families. Can do an electronic interest form.
  - 5.2. Parent Questions/Concerns. None.
  - 5.3. Handbook Update (Steph). New member orientation planned for early August to coincide with orientation. Trying to keep the handbook simple and general enough to be used by all elementary schools. Meet again late May.
  - 5.4. Fundraising
    - 5.4.1. Plant Sale update. Pricing hasn’t been determined yet. Curbside pickup and Venmo e payment will be offered. Limited number of plants will be available.
    - 5.4.2. Original works: A couple hundred more dollars came in. Company is very easy to get extra items ordered and delivered.
6. Next meeting: May 11 @ 4:45pm. Annual meeting. Should be quick. We are meeting to vote on new GC members.
7. Adjournment @ 5:30pm: *motion- Christine E. Second- Stephanie T.*