



Governance Council Meeting
April 8, 2019
BPES & Journey Media Center
6:00 pm

Members present: Amber Dalziel, Kim Downs, Shelly Kastenschmidt, Lindsay Machkovich, Carrie Naparalla, Lisa Rollin, Tanya Sanderfoot, Kim Scanlon

Members absent: none

- The Governance Council and Journey teachers met before the Council meeting at a Journey Refinement meeting hosted by the Wisconsin Resource Center for Charter Schools.

I. Call to order at 6:22 p.m.

Affirmation of Open Session

Reflection- Lisa read a narrative on how "Strength" is defined.

BOARD ACTION: The Board approved the minutes from the March 2019 meeting with corrections to section V- b.

II. Community Input- None

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

Still waiting on Webster's for the Father/Daughter dance. The pizza sales are now closed.

III. Old Business

1. Administrator's Update-

- a. Tanya met recently about the budget and got the approval to post for the Journey's 1st grade position. She will be writing up the posting and will share it with Lisa and Carrie to look it over. Tanya is still waiting to add a 3rd section of 2nd grade to Barlow. Tanya sent a request to the school board to lift the rule on only having 2 classes for each grade in Journey. Currently there are over 100 students for each grade in Barlow and Journey. Grace Preschool will be added in the afternoon for 4K- so that will provide more space and choices for the incoming 4K. There were 6 new enrollments this week: 1- Kindergarten, 3- 1st Grade and 2-2nd grade.

- b. Homeless Procedures: Jenna Ernst is the new liaison for the Homeless procedures at Barlow Park/Journey. She was reading up on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and found out that all homeless children that apply to Journey Charter School are to be accepted in the school regardless of deadlines and waitlists. The council agreed this needs to be added to the current Journey Charter By-laws. This will be formulated and voted on at the next May Governance Council meeting.
- c. Sibling Bylaw- the council discussed possible scenarios that could occur when families apply to the charter and discussed clarification on what qualifies a "sibling" and "family". There currently have not been any issues that have come up so the council agreed to leave the Sibling law as is and will vote on as individual scenarios occur.

2. Teacher's Report

- a. The teachers are asking for a minimum of \$150 to cover the end of the year field trip costs.

BOARD ACTION: The Board approved for \$150 to come out of the Journey funds to cover end of the year field trip costs.

- b. A discussion was started for the need to purchase a small chest freezer which will help with the pizza fundraiser and other food storage issues. The council agreed that Carrie will do some research on costs, usage, where to store the freezer and will come back to this later in the year.

IV. New Business/Discussion Items

- a. Governance Council Applications/Elections- Shelly Kastenschmidt, Amber Dalziel and Lisa Rollin's terms are coming to an end. Shelly and Amber have decided to not return due to busy lives/children in different schools/and childcare on meeting nights. Carrie will start by sending an email to the Journey teachers for recommendations for new members.
- b. Kindergarten Screening Process- Carrie and Tanya did some research on what other schools are currently doing for their Kindergarten and 4K screenings, which included Fond du Lac, Kaukauna, Neenah, and Menasha. Tanya liked that some schools had their Kindergarten open house in February and how 4K gets out early so teachers are available to do the screening in the afternoon. There will be a meeting on May 8th to further discuss the screening process. It's important to address the historical and working parts in planning these screening processes.
- c. Parent Survey- Carrie sent all the council members a copy of the survey from last year and they will review the questions and make any suggestions to Carrie. Ideas and comments will be reviewed at the next Council meeting in May.
- d. Mother/Son Lasertag- Brett will be the main contact for the responses for laser tag this year. Kim Downs will have Adam Downs create a sign up form that will go out on 4/17 and the deadline for responses will be due on 4/30. Kim Scanlon will submit the form to the District office for approval and will look into making 700 copies. Shelly will purchase batteries, fruit, granola bars, water and

lemonade for the event. Kim Scanlon will ask El Fogon if they are still interested in donating chips and salsa for the event. Set up for the event will take place on Friday, 5/3 at 4pm and Carrie will post the event on facebook.

V. Adjourn meeting at 7:45pm

Next meeting: Monday, May 13th 6:00 pm

Journey Charter School Mission:

Empower students to problem solve and flourish in a global society

Journey Charter School Vision:

Journey Charter School will provide a project-based learning environment that considers the whole child in fostering inquiry and critical thinking skills, and guide our students to flourish as leaders, life-long learners, and problem solvers.