



Governance Council Meeting  
July 27, 2020  
Virtual Meeting 5:00 pm

**Present:** Chris Boede, Kim Downs, Lindsay Machovich, Diane Johnson, Katie Feldner, Stephanie Tavs, Kim Scanlon, Tanya Sanderfoot, Amber Willoughby, Carrie Phillips, Sheena Cleveland, Jacqueline Adams, Brett Long, Megan Lee

**Absent:** Kelly Esala

**I. Call to order at 5:03pm.**

**Affirmation of opennessession-** No voting will take place at this meeting. Agenda was posted less than 24 hours before meeting. Lindsay will be reaching out to members this week to set up a special meeting with quorum to vote on agenda items from this meeting.

**II. Review & approval of minutes from June, 2020-** Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next scheduled council meeting.

**III. Community Input-** None

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

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**V. Old Business & Discussion Items**

**a. Governance Council Members & Positions-** Chris Boede will take on the Vice President position. Kim Scanlon will take on the secretary position and Stephanie will take over as Treasurer. Stephanie will need to obtain a new debit card from the bank and will meet with Tanya to go over the budget.

The group had discussion on everyone's term start and end dates. The group will check the bylaws to confirm this (to be discussed at next meeting). The group also discussed a place where the council and Journey staff can have access to all Journey documents and forms. Kim Scanlon currently has the flash drive that was passed on to her while she was President. Tanya will email Kim access to Classroom for her to drop all files in the folder to share with everyone.

**VI. Administrator's and Teacher's Reports**

**a. 2020/2021 Class Numbers/New Enrollments**

Tanya shared the numbers- the numbers are fluid- families are still deciding.

Kindergarten: 16/15

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 21/21/22

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 22/23

The district will be sending out a survey shortly on what families are deciding for in person vs virtual learning- will be seeing a more fluctuation with the numbers. More information about Virtual learning will be going out to families; Tanya did emphasize that Odyssey is completely different.

### **b. Restructuring of Grade Level Staff**

Carrie Naparella is leaving to a teaching/principal position that opened up in Waupaca. Carrie Phillips had asked to move back to the Kindergarten level (where she had previously worked). This request went before the school board and was approved. A flex position for a first grade position was opened up and have received several applications. Tanya will review these with the Journey staff and will be interviewing virtually and will make a recommendation for hire. There was discussion on having all hiring and transferring of positions to go through the council and that the bylaws will need to be updated. Tanya did state that all teachers will be represented in future Journey council meetings and Journey council members will be invited to the interviews.

## **VII. New Business**

**a. Re-entry Plan for Journey-** per advisement from Dr. Lyke- recommendation of masks are to be worn when you can't physically distance. Limited cohorts will be small enough in the elementary schools. This new structure will make it challenging for traveling, multi-age and project based learning. The Journey teachers will be meeting immediately following this council meeting to start brainstorming and to discuss the structure while focusing on collaboration and the use of devices.

**b. Back to School –** Supply Drop off in lieu of BTS Picnic- there will be no picnic held but in person conferences will be held from August 11-15<sup>th</sup>, where the families will meet the teacher, drop off their supplies and the student will be assessed for two reasons.

1) students have not been assessed since January.

2) in case students go back to virtual it will be good to have an assessment completed

Kim will also check on the school supply kit status with Beth Westemeier and will update Brett on what she finds out. Too late to place school kit orders.

**c. Shelby-** do we have a contract between the school and Carrie about Shelby. No one could find a copy of this contract. Lindsay will reach out to Carrie on the status of the contract. Discussion was had about consequences of Carrie taking Shelby- the cost of purchasing Shelby was \$3K. There is also a large box in Carrie's room with Journey documents- Lindsay to set up a time with Tanya to go through the box The group did emphasize that we need to keep this positive and to try to finalize a mutual agreement. The council also decided to table the discussion for a new therapy dog for future discussion.

**d. Governance Support of Teachers-** No volunteers will be allowed in the building, essential workers only. The future of fundraisers are uncertain. It's important for Governance members to aid teachers and everyone to start thinking of ideas (and teachers too). The teachers will know more after they meet as a group and will start to assess and will communicate their needs. Can we share a sheet with the board in which everyone can list their specialty or idea for assisting their staff- this can include virtual ways to help as well.

Amber Willoughby gave an update of past Journey Governance member, Joel Spaulding, who recently lost three members of Molly's family and asked the board for permission to pick out flowers/gift to deliver to them. Amber can pick it out and deliver to the family. This brought up discussion for increasing the kitty fund to \$500 for teacher expenses- the board all agreed to this and do not need to vote on this.

**e. 2019/20 Annual Report to School Board-** this is due on August 1<sup>st</sup> and Carrie had it almost completed. Brett will review it and will present it to the board.

**f. Other New Business Discussion-** is the WRCCS contract signed? There are three virtual training webinars this week. To be discussed at the next team meeting- things are unique and would make it difficult to mentor. Discussion on holding off on renewing. What's the cost? How much do we bring in? Tanya will reach out to Nick to find out the current status and to find out the deadline.

## **VIII. Adjourned at 6:46pm**