

**Quest Governance Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 21, 2015 - 5:00 pm**  
**Miss Geiger's room**  
*(Minutes/notes are in italics)*

1.0 Formalities

1.1 Call to Order

*Becki Baird called the meeting to order at 5:02. Attendance was taken. Public notice was given and the vision statement was read aloud by Becki Baird.*

1.2 [Roll call](#) - *This was completed on the attached chart*

1.3 [Affirmation of public notice](#) - *noted*

1.4 Statement of the Quest Elementary School vision:

*Quest Charter School provides a rigorous and challenging interdisciplinary, project-based curriculum grounded in 21st Century Skills leading to a collaborative environment for personalized learning and group engagement.*

1.5 Adoption of the Agenda - *An addition to the agenda was requested by Gretchen Geiger. Science Curriculum will be added to the agenda. Nicole made the motion to accept and it was seconded by Gretchen Geiger.*

2.0 Announcements, Recognition, Public Comments, Special Presentations

2.1 Project Showcase Night, Thursday October 22 - *This was announced. Renee Bunge requested homeroom teachers write a review of Showcase Night for the school board. Kona Ice, t-shirts and other school items, suckers, and gas cards will be available for purchase. Parent help is still needed to sell items.*

*Quest had visitors from LaCrosse, Greenfield, and Berlin on October 19. The guests were very complimentary and found the visit to be very helpful. One group sent a thank-you basket. One group mentioned that national literacy/inquiry based learning leader/author, Harvey Daniels, recommended that they visit Quest Elementary School.*

3.0 Old Business -

3.1 Approval of September GC meeting minutes - *The minutes were approved. Gretchen made a motion and Nicole seconded the motion to approve minutes. Steve Nankervis mentioned that the board information needs to be updated on the district website. Gretchen Geiger gave the information to Pam Dykstra for updates recently. Lori Hron will send out a follow-up email.*

3.2 Approval of protocol for visiting schools - *This group has not yet met. The board discussed an appropriate amount to charge. \$100 per person, with a cap at \$500 per school was discussed. The money would be used for substitute teachers to provide time to collaborate and plan for the visits.*

4.0 Reports

4.1 Business-Commentary on visiting schools -

4.2 Curriculum- Commentary on Tower Garden info. *Janet Ernst attended the Tower Garden meeting, wrote, and submitted an Innovative Educator grant for a tower garden system to be used by the Quest classrooms. The board would like to expand the gardens especially in the summer, to provide produce for needy community members. Nathan Luedke would like to encourage the use of alternate energy sources - solar, wind, etc. to power the greenhouse. After Showcase it is the intention of Quest staff to utilize the greenhouse.*

*Lori Hron mentioned a concern that the Science curriculum and the time required to complete the science kit may impact Project-Based Learning. Renee Bunge mentioned a discrepancy between the science understandings of students in different classrooms. She wants to make sure all students meet the science standards.*

*The board gave their support to use a PBL approach, and not be held to the completion of the FOSS and PLTW kits in their entirety provided the same outcomes and standards are met. It was discussed to be used as a framework/tool. Renee Bunge and Lori Hron will have a discussion with Chrissy Damm about this.*

4.3 Principal/Council/Teacher Member Reports--class numbers and waiting list - *Renee Bunge mentioned that there is a group who will be visiting our school concerning poverty. She is looking forward to attending the first project showcase night. No change in attendance and waiting list.*

4.4 Fundraising-school year fundraising considerations, fund balance Nicole - *Nicole wanted to look at different fund-raising activities such as activities that involve students. Brenda Rapp said that the students want to help. She doesn't want people to keep "buying things". Activities like the "Fun Run" and "Father/Daughter Dance" were recommended. Expanding the script sale was discussed. Mr. Nankervis mentioned a \$1000 cut-off and not doing any fundraiser that will not net \$1000 in profit. A "Dine-Around" was mentioned as an idea. It was suggested to set a number of fundraisers and not exceeding this. Nicole Bauman and Steve Nankervis will work on this.*

#### 5.0 New Business

*The question was raised and discussing the lottery system. Now that no schools are within the federal grant requirements, the lottery requirement could be removed. This will be discussed next meeting.*

- 5.1 Quest meeting calendar for the year - 2nd Wednesdays @ 5:00 P.M.
- 6.0 [Advanced Planning](#)
- 6.1 Next GC Meeting, November 11 , 2015 @ 5:00 P.M.
- 7.0 Adjournment - *Steve Nankervis moved and Nicole Bauman seconded.*