

Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2019
New Century School – Governance Council
4:00 – 6:00 pm at NCS

Present: John Porco, Betsy Purpero, Jennifer Klawiter, Ann Princl, Jennifer Bradley, Kim Wroblewski, Leigh Schmidt, Rikki Conwell, Hannah Bassetti

Guests: Tina Niesen, Andrew Loeffler, Jen Collins

Introductions

Approval of [April 9 minutes](#) Motion: Rikki, Second: Jennifer B.

Discussion Items

➤ Election

- Historically, process for adding new GC members has been informal, as needed.
- Working toward a smoother, more open process
- Up to 11 total voting members, according to numbers set out in bylaws
- 6 returning members, 4-5 open spots
- John Porco and Kim Wroblewski up for reelection
- Communicate with interested parents in the next week, John will talk to Tammy about communicating election details to school community
- How to limit voting: Once per family? Once per student? Consider multiple household families
- Bios for candidates? A few sentences.
- Consider having new incoming K families be non-voting alternates in their first year

➤ Volunteer hours requirement for GC members, outside of meetings?

- Legality?
- Equity
- Expectation rather than requirement
- Revive the plan of each GC member leading/serving on committees
- If a person is attending meetings ONLY and is not attending events or volunteering in the classroom, do they have a sense of the pulse of the school climate?
- John: Does not think it's enforceable as a requirement

- Clarify that service on GC involves committee roles outside of monthly meetings
 - Where else can we trim volunteer needs?
 - No more ice skating, no more Gymfinity...
 - As we pare down, we need to reset fundraising goals accordingly
- Takeaways from Teacher Appreciation Week
- Questions from teachers about not getting a meal
 - Meals are not feasible. Impossible to meet dietary restrictions and numbers of who is in the building
 - Next year- Ask teachers what they want, communicate plans around food in advance so there are no expectations
 - Baskets- Some side conversations about them, but no one spoke to Ann directly
 - Teachers should model the Greatness of Gratitude- Volunteers hear that teachers were unhappy, and are unlikely to volunteer again, compounding the problem. We simply don't have the person-power for the potlucks of past years
- PE Budget Question: What happens with PE/Music/Art budgets when we move and share space with VAIS?
- VAIS has a supply of PE equipment that will come with them. Looking into grants for additional equipment. Some units' equipment is shared district-wide. Ann is leaning on other district PE teachers to supplement equipment.
 - Does PE currently get money from GC? No? Tri4Kids funds PE, we should continue to promote Tri4Kids participation
 - Wishlist, donated supplies
- Library- T Voss is purchasing, collecting duplicate books from other VASD libraries. T has shelving secured, room layout planned. 1000 books in hand, approximately 5000 needed.
- 2019: Danny Roudebush is not staying, Ann is working on the process for finding a new teacher for NCS. Options will vary depending on FTE needs across the district. If we can combine the role with VAIS to get it above the FTE threshold

(.55?) we can have a full interview process. Smaller percentages do not get publicly posted and can be filled internally.

- June meeting? Scheduled for June 11, Field Day... Keep that date?
 - Move to June 4 - 4-5pm- Motion Rikki, Second Hannah
- Summer playdates:
 - July 17 and August 6, 6-7pm
 - Food cart night will be after school starts, since school starts so early

❖ Reports

- [Director's Report](#)
 - \$27 proposed field trip fee is increase from \$25. Should we increase to \$30 to keep it even and add a little buffer to the field trip fund. Motion to increase fee to \$30: Leigh, Second: Rikki. Further discussion... Are we increasing just to increase? Teachers could coordinate better for combined bus use for field trips. Can Tammy add detailed information to her information sheets about what buses cost. Vote: **\$30 for field trip fee**
 - Field trips are part of our experiential learning identity
 - Perception feedback- Low rating for Personalize Learning implementation, but are people concerned with HOW it is being implemented, or THAT it is being implemented at all. NCS concern or VASD concern?
 - K orientation- Rikki will be there, maybe Hannah
 - Final playground details will be shared soon, once we get design from architects
 - Money for signage in the new building is in the district budget
 - Ann will check on exactly what this entails... Could we apply some to mural??
 - Directory- Ann will send a letter to families about district directory guidelines. Finalize plans at June meeting.
 - Clarify that the *school* will not share the information outside of our community, since we cannot control what the recipients might do with it.
- Fundraising: \$150 from T+K; \$424 from raffle for Integrated Arts
- John will take over photo wall, Leigh will write up instructions

- Future Schools: Kim needs management plan and educational plan. John and Kim would like to have a discussion with staff before summer. Betsy is taking the lead on the educational plan. John has had conversations with Dean that our plan is the “non plan” plan. Not based on a set curriculum. Project based. Site examples of past projects. How we do assessments. Common Core, 21st Century Science Standards. Not locked into curriculums.
- Thank you to departing GC members

Motion to adjourn: Rikki, second: John