

Fox West Academy Governance Council Meeting
Monday June 6, 2011
6:00 p.m.
Hortonville Middle School Library E120

AGENDA

1. Call to order and roll call
 - Council Members:
 - Zola Nimmer
 - Kristi Compton
 - Jenni Koenecke
 - Denise Nelson
 - Excused – Barry Hoff, Tori Mann, Kip Wenninger
 - Committee Leads - Jean Wagner, Stephanie Halverson, Anne Walker, Lorie Claybaugh
 - Teaching Staff/Admin. Advisor – Greg Hall, John Brattlund, Dan Lundstrom

2. Affirmation of public notice
 - Notice of the meeting was posted at the Greenville Elementary, Greenville Middle, Hortonville Elementary, Hortonville Middle, Hortonville High schools, Hortonville Public Library, and the Fox West Academy website (www.foxwestacademy.org). Notice of the meeting was sent to the Appleton Post-Crescent, Post-Crescent West and County Post East.

3. Review and approve minutes of May 2, 2011 - *approved*

4. Review financial status
 - Financial summary – *reviewed current status of grant and reviewed a proposed template for tracking spending details.*
 - Approval of Vouchers – none this month

5. Presentations by District residents / Comments from Public

6. Executive Committee Reports
 - May 9th Q&A session with HASD Board – *provided an update of the session. Barry, John, and Greg attended to answer HASD Board questions.*
 - May 23rd HASD Board approval of contract addendum – *reviewed the DPI required contract addendum. Board approved the addendum.*
 - Review annual timeline document – *reviewed and revised the proposed annual timeline of deliverables*
 - Other

7. Charter Staff Reports
 - Teaching team development with Jan Bontz (held May 18th) – *progressed development of several topics including grading vs. standards based rubrics. Held discussion on the fit of each with the school philosophy and the benefits/drawbacks to each. Explanations for what standard based rubrics are and how they will be used would be a key part of explaining this to students and families. Council is comfortable continuing to progress towards standard based rubrics. FWA staff will advise if new developments require additional discussion. Students will still receive letter grades for Exploratory courses.*

- Review of May 31st Meet & Greet –Attendance was good. Families asked great questions. Answers to those questions will be updated on the FAQ list on the website so families who weren't able to attend will have access.
- Summer planning schedule – staff attending conferences and training. Greg to email out the contact list so contact information is available over the summer.
- Room preparations update
- Modern education committee – would be good to have a member on this district strategic action committee. Greg volunteered to be the FWA participant.
- Other – Jenni is connecting with Mrs. Radtke and Mrs. Eggebrecht on the potential for an elementary school charter.

8. Committee Reports

- Marketing and Public Relations – see logo discussion below.
- Innovations and Development - attending ISTE conference.
- Curriculum – reviewed Essential skills sheets developed. Will work on additional rubrics as needed. Participating in additional training with Jan Bontz on June 9.
- Community Partnerships –Participating in training with Jan Bontz on June 9 with a focus on community connections.

9. Discussion

- Policy development
 1. Student handbook policies –reviewed and discussed the current draft.
 2. Governance Council policies –reviewed and discussed the current draft.
- Logo design
 1. Discussion of bids – two proposals discussed. The third is still pending. Recommended to proceed with the logo design work with the understanding that upper limit on cost will be approximately \$2600-2700 (reflective of current proposals). A final decision on the design firm will be made by the committee by the end of the week balancing cost and timing of final artwork (completion deadline is end of July).
 2. Approval to move forward – consensus approval to move forward with one of the proposals received (allowing until June 9 for the third proposal) with a cost estimate of up to \$2700.

10. Professional Development Opportunities / Equipment Purchases – Greg is attending a STEM conference with other staff members from the district

11. New Business

12. Informational Items – Initiated discussion on plans for school pictures, co-curricular pictures, and school yearbook. John to verify if we can do school pictures the same day as HMS. Yearbook will be scoped out as a student project.

13. Upcoming Events

- June 9 – Community Focus with Jan Bontz and Darlene Machtan
- June 10 – Project Foundry training with Shane Krukowski
- July Governance Council meeting – discuss alternate date (regular meeting would be on July 4th). Dates to consider: Tuesday July 5th, Monday July 11th, other? – July 11 6pm will be the alternate date.

14. Motion to Adjourn