

Fox West Academy Governance Council Meeting
Monday July 11, 2011
6:00 p.m.
Hortonville Middle School Library E120

AGENDA

1. Call to order and roll call
 - Council Members:
 - Barry Hoff
 - Tori Mann
 - Kristi Compton
 - Kip Wenninger
 - Denise Nelson
 - Excused – Zola Nimmer, Jenni Koenecke
 - 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
 - A. 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 June 6, 2011 *Approved as written*
4. Review financial status
 - A. Financial summary, including 2010 year-end -Tori provided a summary report of spending and the proposal for purchases to use the remaining portion of the grant that needs to be used by end of July (before the grant for the next year starts). Next steps include forecasting spending for next year.
 - B. Approval of Vouchers
 1. Approval to purchase classroom set of Vernier dataloggers, software, and supporting probeware. *Approved by consensus.*
 2. Approval to purchase classroom set of Lego Mindstorm NXT robotic kits and necessary software. *Approved by consensus.*
5. Presentations by District residents / Comments from Public
6. Executive Committee Reports
 - A. Projected 2011-2012 budget. Two revenues for next year – DPI grant (\$175,000 starts August 1, 2011 to be used per DPI guidelines) and the district per pupil expenditure.
 - B. Annual timeline *Reviewed and discussed potential agenda items for next month.*
7. Charter Staff Reports
 - A. Room preparations update. *Toured the rooms to view the updates. Updates are midway through and going well.*
 - B. Web-based math curricular recommendations. *Recommending using the Apangea Learning web-based math option instead of ALEKS. The license is purchased on an annual basis (per pupil) so it can be trialed and assessed during the first year. Greg and Dan explored the capability of this software at the ISTE conference. The program provides the instructional options they were looking for, in an engaging student-focused format.*

- C. ISTE Conference presentation. Greg, Jean, and Dan shared key highlights from the sessions they attended. All expressed that it was a very beneficial conference.
 - D. Technology tools recommendations Greg is planning a meeting with District Administrator of IT to review recommendations and determine usage options for FWA.
 - E. WSCA changes and legislative updates.
 - F. Other – Waukesha STEM Academy will be in its first year this year. This would be a school visit to plan for the next year.
8. Committee Reports
- A. Marketing and Public Relations – Logo work is underway. Initial concepts were reviewed last week and the design firm is revising. Revised designs will be back early next week and will be sent to council and committee team members for input. Project timeline is to complete by August 1.
 - B. Innovations and Development- Working on ideas based on the ISTE conference learning.
 - C. Curriculum – No updates.
 - D. Community Partnerships-Developed a survey to understand ways businesses may want to partner with FWA and the potential benefits businesses find appealing.
9. Discussion
- A. Policy development
 - 1. Student handbook policies. Draft in progress. It is being written based on the section in the front of the current student planner.
 - 2. Governance Council policies. Reviewed and discussed the draft. Greg and Jean will consult with Danny on the draft and get clarity on what the Governance Council policies need to include. Based on the direction received, the teaching staff will provide feedback on items they need to address. If others have feedback or suggestions, please send to Zola and Jean.
 - B. Logo design – status update. Covered in the Marketing and Public Relations Committee report.
 - C. Pictures and Yearbook – status update. School pictures will be consistent with the process/photographer HMS uses. Yearbook plans are still in discussion.
10. Professional Development Opportunities / Equipment Purchases – no additional updates
11. New Business
- A. Formation of Budget Committee – Recommending to form a committee for planning and transparency, in particular to plan for longer term budgeting. Tori will work with a sub-group (Kip and Greg interested) to put some structure to the recommendation with the goal of a committee starting around Sept. 1.
 - B. Checklist of items to complete by September.
 - C. Council Terms – Council and committee members to consider what their plans would be to continue or not to continue their term for next school year prior to next meeting.
12. Informational Items
- A. Jenni will provide China trip summary at August meeting.
13. Upcoming Events
- A. August 1 – Governance Council meeting
 - B. September 1 – Doors open for first time!!!
 - C. Will extend the open house time (August 31) to provide an August meet and greet option.
 - D. September council meeting will be Sept. 12 at 6pm, potentially in the FWA classrooms.
14. Motion to Adjourn