

Fox West Academy Governance Council Meeting Notes
Monday September 12, 2011
6:00 p.m.
Fox West Academy Classrooms
Hortonville Middle School G105 & G118

AGENDA

1. Call to order and roll call
 - Council Members:
 - Barry Hoff
 - Kristi Compton
 - Denise Nelson
 - Zola Nimmer
 - Tori Mann
 - Excused –Jenni Koenecke, Dan Lundstrom, Kip Wenninger
 - Committee Leads - Jean Wagner, Anne Walker, Stephanie Halverson, Lorie Claybaugh
 - Teaching Staff/Admin. Advisor – Greg Hall, John Brattlund,
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 August 1, 2011 – *approved*.
4. Review financial status
 - A. Financial summary, including 2010-2011 year-end – *reviewed financial summary. Working on vision for shorter and longer term financial planning for FWA, specifically planning for financial sustainability after the grants.*
 - B. Approval of July Vouchers – *approved by consensus.*
5. Presentations by District residents / Comments from Public - *none*
6. Executive Committee Reports
 - A. Review DPI grant approval required modifications – *reviewed revisions needed. Greg will make the necessary updates by the October council meeting.*
 - B. Annual Timeline – *Moving strategic planning earlier to January 2012. Will consider replacing regular council meeting with the strategy planning session.*
7. Charter Staff Reports
 - A. Program updates on the first two weeks – *It’s going well. Great to be working with the students after all of the time planning and training. Project block is about investigating themselves and how they learn (focus for Jenni and Dan). Greg has focused on the Science block. Also started the math program and learning the new software (Apangea).*
 - B. District-wide initiatives for 2011-2012 school year – *shared the district direction on curriculum for this year. Overall FWA is very aligned. In particular the aspects of designing learning targets and focusing on the 4 lenses of: Technology, Differentiation, Rigor/Relevance/Relationships, and 21st Century Skills. Other focus areas will be*

professional learning communities and common assessments (creativity in the exercises but commonality in the assessment).

- C. Assessment measures initiated and scheduled – students will be completing the district assessments (like MAPS, Explore, etc.) with their grade levels.

8. Committee Reports

- A. Marketing and Public Relations – logo development complete. Need to plan any future marketing materials for the spring enrollment period and timing associated.
- B. Innovations and Development – helping with the potluck luncheon. Developing ideas for ways parents can learn more about certain topics or things going on in school. Will create a starter list for parents to select from and add to. Targeting to divide up topics and look at scheduling one night per month to cover them with parents/students.
- C. Curriculum – Prior to the start of the school year, developed an Excel spreadsheet of standards across several subjects to import into Project Foundry and Skyward grading. This was important to move towards being standards based. Essential Skills was added as a class in the system so parents can see how their student is doing against the Essential Skills standards.
- D. Community Partnerships –discussion on inviting community business leaders to the student presentation days.

9. Discussion

- A. Second review of proposed contract with Jan Bontz for staff development support in 2011-2012 - this is planned as part of the implementation grant. Approved by consensus.
- B. Council membership for 2011-2012 cycle – Decision made to stay with 7 council members for 2011-2012 and evaluate adding 2 additional seats in 2012-2013 if needed. There is one vacant seat open for 2011-2012. It is a two-year term.
- C. Review Student Handbook – in progress.

10. Professional Development Opportunities / Equipment Purchases – made supply purchases to prepare for the year and will assess what is additionally needed as the year gets underway.

11. New Business

- A. Need for additional committees – need for a nomination committee, a budget/finance/sustainability committee, and a fundraising committee

12. Informational Items

- A. DPI required reporting meeting (~~October~~ December 1 and 2, 2011 in Madison) – one Governance Council member (Greg) and one staff member – let Greg know if interested in attending as a representative.

13. Upcoming Events

- A. September 16th – Potluck luncheon for parents and FWA students, 11:30 am
- B. October 3 – FWA Governance Council meeting, 6:00 pm

14. Motion to Adjourn