

Fox West Academy Governance Council – Special Session
Monday March 5, 2012
5:30 p.m.
Hortonville Middle School Media Pit

AGENDA

1. Call to order
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. Fox West Academy 2012-2013 Admissions Lottery
4. Motion to Adjourn

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6:00 p.m.
Fox West Academy Classrooms

Hortonville Middle School G105 & G118

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1. Call to order and roll call
 - Council Members:
 - Kristi Compton
 - Jenni Koenecke
 - Jean Wagner
 - Barry Hoff
 - Denise Nelson
 - Tori Mann
 - Zola Nimmer
 - Excused – none
 - Committee Leads - Stephanie Halverson, Anne Walker, Lorie Claybaugh
 - Teaching Staff/Admin. Advisor – Greg Hall, John Brattlund, Dan Lundstrom
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3. Review and approve minutes of February 6, 2012 –amended notes for HHS meeting to reflect attendees included Wendy N.
4. Finance
 - A. Financial summary – reviewed
 - B. Approval of vouchers
5. Presentations by District residents / Comments from Public
6. Executive Committee Reports
 - A. Review of HASD BOE presentation on 2/27/12 – Barry and Greg reviewed enrollment status with the board, along with a summary of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats developed during the strategic planning session. The results from the parent satisfaction survey were also shared along with a video that included student quotes sharing what they like about the FWA learning environment.
 - B. Review of admissions lottery results –
 - Next year enrollment profile will be 26-8th graders, 19-7th graders, and 15-6th graders.
 - Lottery was conducted at 5:30pm on Monday, March 5. Lottery resulted in 4 students from GMS, 9 students from HMS, and 2 new in-district students. Dan will handle the communication to those with an enrollment spot and those on the waitlist. For those with an enrollment spot, FWA will request a confirmation of acceptance, giving a 7 day window.
 - Consensus approval for the language Dan shared for clarifying that any declined spots (or vacated spots) will be reallocated to the grade with the fewest students.
 - A suggestion was made to ensure information is provided to district teachers prior to enrollment (spring conferences) period next year.
 - C. Need names for Council/Committee nominees – Brenda Stencil was suggested based on previous expression of interest. Others expressed interest via the FIE survey: Randy/Rhonda Jahner, Todd Kadolph, and Joe/Tina Truehart. Barry will follow up with those who have expressed interest.
 - D. Letters of commitment –Barry completed the commitment form and distributed to council members for signature. Completed forms were turned in for record keeping.
7. Charter Staff Reports
 - A. PLC Conference update –This conference was about Professional Learning Communities. Dan attended with other district staff and one HASD BOE representative. He provided a conference update on the content and the applications for the district and FWA.
 - B. Parent satisfaction survey feedback – Greg shared the results of the survey. Survey questions were focused on the commitments made by the charter. Data was reviewed and strengths and opportunities were discussed. In general, very good feedback and suggestions for improvement.
 - C. Planning day update – DPI implementation renewal grant – FWA staff will be working with Darlene (consultant) to draft the DPI implementation grant and will send out for review prior to the next governance council meeting. Input or revisions will be discussed at the April governance council meeting.
 - D. WCSA Conference – review attendees and transportation Zola, Jean, Greg and Jenni will be attending.
 - E. Participation in HASD Spotlight on Education Expo – March 15 Dan will be the FWA staff representative at the Expo. Lorie will also be available to help.
 - F. UW intern for next year – Jenni reviewed plans to submit for an intern for next school year.

- G. Update on new schedule – During this project period, a few schedule changes are being trialed – in particular, 6th grade lunch was moved to the HMS 6th grade time and all reading periods are aligned to 8th hour and staff co-planning is during this hour on Tuesday and Thursday. These changes will be assessed at the end of this project period and a recommendation will be made.
 - H. Positive PR within HMS – Discussion on how to maintain a positive image of the charter school within the HMS student body.
8. Committee Reports
- A. Marketing and Public Relations –no updates.
 - B. Innovations and Development
 - Working with Community Partnership committee (Anne) to conduct the Families Involved in Education (FIE) involvement/interest survey. Seeking to get more participation in the interest survey.
 - A member of the Lioness club contacted Jean about interest in helping with the Lioness fall fair and a potential donation to FWA for the student help.
 - Lorie will pursue a contact for drafting the 501(3)c.
 - C. Curriculum - no updates.
 - D. Community Partnerships – coordinating with Families Involved in Education (FIE) volunteer recruitment effort.
 - E. Learning Sustainability – Greg meeting with Darlene
9. Discussion
- A. Family involvement committee – covered in committee updates.
 - B. 5K fundraiser committee – Planning the 5K fundraiser during Chocolate Fest. Lorie is exploring having the soccer team available to do a water station in the middle of the run.
 - C. Strategic Planning – next steps, members involved, desired outcomes – Zola will take the lead on reviewing documents and identifying potential formats. One milestone is to have an update on the strategic plan for HASD board in August.
10. Professional Development Opportunities / Equipment Purchases
- A. List of potential opportunities for Council review –Jenni will be attending “The Leader in Me” conference (Stephen Covey) over spring break which extends the learning from the Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens project. Dan and Jenni will be attending the International Reading conference in Chicago at the end of April to identify reading curriculum tools. ISTE and the PLC conference in Minneapolis/St. Paul are two other options being explored.
11. New Business - none
12. Informational Items - none
13. Upcoming Events
- A. March 15th (Thursday) – HASD Spotlight on Education Expo at HHS, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
 - B. March 15th & 16th – WCSA Conference, Lake Geneva
 - C. March 22nd (Thursday) – Student presentation night, FWA, 6:30-7:30 pm
 - D. April 9th (Monday) – FWA Governance Council meeting, FWA, 6:00 pm
 - E. April 15th – DPI Implementation Grant due
 - F. June 2nd – 5K Fundraiser at Chocolate Fest
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