

Fox West Academy Governance Council Meeting
Monday, November 5, 2012
6:00 p.m.
Fox West Academy Classrooms
Hortonville Middle School G105 & G118
AGENDA

1. Call to order and roll call

Council Members:

- Jenni Koenecke -present
- Jean Wagner - present
- Barry Hoff - present
- Zola Nimmer - present
- Denise Nelson - present
- Kristi Compton - excused
- Tori Mann - present

Committee Leads - Anne Walker, Lorie Claybaugh

Teaching Staff – Dan Lundstrom, Greg Hall

Community members- Greg Gorski, Susie Lamers, Cindy Marty

Excused – noted above

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 October 1, 2012 – [approved as written](#)

4. Finance

A. Approval of October vouchers – [Reviewed expenditures](#). [No vouchers to approve](#).

5. Presentations by District residents / Comments from Public

6. Executive Committee Reports

- A. Leadership transition – Council membership recommendations and approval – [Reviewed recommendation and approved](#). [Lorie Claybaugh will transition into President, Laurie Wagner will transition into Secretary, and Mark Stae will transition as member-at-large.](#)
- B. Strategic Planning update – review “to do” list – [Zola reviewed the list of action items and council discussed results and status. Zola is summarizing the follow-up actions in the strategic planning summary.](#)
- C. DPI Mandatory Reporting Session- [Each year we are required to send one staff member and one Governance Council member attend. The session is Dec. 6 and 7. Interested council members should contact Greg by Tuesday, Nov. 13.](#)
- D. [A HASD ninth grader, who was a FWA student last year, provided perspective on what it has been like to transition to high school. He answered questions and provided suggestions. The council appreciated hearing a student’s perspective first-hand.](#)

7. Charter Staff Reports

- A. Leadership Summit – The Leadership Summit overall went very well. Sixth graders completed a CSI Me project. They demonstrated their leadership skills by developing and leading a geocaching event for Fox River Academy 1st-6th graders. The 7th and 8th graders led a Leadership Summit, covering the 7 Habits, at two different schools. Each group taught up to six sessions in a day. The students did really well and received many compliments. They demonstrated how they learned from each presentation time and improved and adjusted for the next presentation.
 - B. Upcoming project focus and core schedule – Upcoming project will be Social Studies standards with Comm Arts. The project will be focused on US Government and will incorporate the theme of Leaders of the World. Mr. Hall will be working on the core class of science, specifically Life Science and Space.
 - C. DPI school report cards – FWA did not get a report card this year because the DPI need “past 3 years” of data for the evaluation and FWA does not have that yet. FWA test scores were provided as part of HMS. HASD as a district did very well.
 - D. Staff provided a summary of the feedback from the October presentation to the HASD Board of Education.
8. Committee Reports
- A. Marketing and Public Relations – The focus has been taking courses on grant writing to support the grant writing efforts. The grant areas are being categorized and need to be prioritized.
 - B. Innovations and Development – The focus has been supporting the Marketing and PR work on grant opportunities, leading the 501c3 filing, and coordinating the book fair.
 - C. Curriculum – Committee will be initiating a school climate survey that helps trend school climate per student (longitudinal) versus the whole school (point in time) climate survey.
 - D. Community Partnerships – Committee has created a spreadsheet of community contacts and parent interest areas via the Families in Education (FIE) form. Staff will provide a hard copy option, at parent/teacher conferences, for families to fill out if they haven’t already.
 - E. Learning Sustainability – Committee has been reviewing the funding streams needed in upcoming years.
9. Discussion
- A. Fundraising ideas to help close financial gap starting next year – Ideas were discussed for fundraising. Next step is to schedule a separate fundraising meeting to organize a plan.
 - B. Recognition of outgoing Council members – A Legendary Leaders recognition plaque was presented and will be displayed at FWA recognizing outgoing Council members, Barry Hoff, Kristi Compton, and Denise Nelson. Thank you cards were also presented.
10. Professional Development Opportunities / Equipment Purchases – none.
11. New Business – none.
12. Informational Items – none.
13. Upcoming Events
- A. November 5th to 8th – WKCE testing
 - B. November 7th – HHS Musical “A Christmas Carol”
 - C. November 7th & 8th (4-7 pm), November 9th (8-noon) – Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - D. November 8th to 12th – 7th Grade trip to Washington, D.C.
 - E. December 3rd – FWA Governance Council meeting, 6:00 pm, FWA classrooms
 - F. December 6th & 7th – DPI Mandatory Reporting Session, Concourse Hotel, Madison
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