

Fox West Academy Governance Council Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Fox West Classroom
AGENDA

1. Call to order and roll call **The meeting was called to order at 6:03P.M. by Greg Hall Members present : Lorie Claybaugh, Jenni Koenecke arriving late, Stephanie Halverson, Mark Stae, John Brattlund, Tori Mann, Steve Gromala, Dan Lundstrom, Greg Hall Excused Absences: Laurie Wagner, Jean Wagner**
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).
3. Review and approve minutes from October 7, 2013 **Minutes were accepted with following change: - “Vouchers will be brought to the October meeting for approval” should be corrected to the “Vouchers will be brought to the November meeting for approval.”**
4. Finance
 - A. Approval of vouchers – **October vouchers approved. In/Out activity account balance and transactions shared.**
5. Presentations by District residents / Comments from Public **No one was present at this time.**
6. Executive Committee Reports
 - A. Strategic Planning update – review “to do” list.
The Council reviewed the Completed, In Progress and Uncompleted tasks thus far on the Strategic Plan. Progress shared:
PR Marketing task of expanding who we invite to see student work– It was suggested to expand who we invite beyond parents to include local community members related to the topics and students from primary grades.
Grants task – Four grants have recently been written and submitted by the FWA staff. Debbie(FIE member) and Lorie have made plans to travel to Stevens Point for assistant on writing grants to support the professional development of the FWA staff.
7. Charter Staff Reports
 - A. Wolf Ridge Trip – **Staff shared highlights video from trip and followed it up with discussion. Trip overall was a huge success. Decided it would be best to continue to use monies raised to cover half the cost of the trip with the remainder being covered by the participants. Staff recommended making this trip be an annual trip for the 6th grade class.**
 - B. Charter Visits – Sparta, Ashland, Nekoosa - **Both Sparta and Nekossa attended immersion workshops during the month of October at Fox West Academy. The Ashland visit had to be canceled due and may be rescheduled for a later date. Visits and information provided were well received.**
 - C. Grants submitted – **Greg Hall submitted a \$5000 grant with SCA Tissue having students promote the use of technology to explore the environment. He also submitted a \$4800 grant with the District’s Grants of Excellence Program to fund Project Lead the Way training and course options for the FWA students in the 2014-2015 school year. Dan Lundstrom and Jenni Koenecke also submitted grants for the Grants of Excellence Program. Dan’s grant focused on energy investigations while Jenni’s focused on establishing a small apple orchard. Recipients will be notified by mid-November.**
8. Committee Reports
 - A. Marketing and Public Relations – **no updates**
 - B. Innovations and Development
 - C. Curriculum – **Project proposal form needs completing**
 - D. Community Partnerships - *** discussion to merge Le**
 - E. Learning Sustainability – **The group continued the discussion to merge Community Partnerships community with Marketing and Public Relations, as well as, to merge Innovations and Development with Learning Sustainability. It was recommended that we have that discussion at the annual strategic planning meeting.**

9. Discussion

- A. Dissemination Grant – Greg explained the state of charter funding at DPI. As mentioned at earlier meetings, DPI is in the final year of a five year cycle of the 86 million dollar federal charter grant. The details regarding the next round of federal dollars are not at this time are not yet developed. Potential for Wisconsin to receive another cycle of funds will not take place until 2015-2016. The DPI has submitted a request for grant monies not spent from the 5 years cycle be allowed to be carried over to for the 2014-2015 year. Although nothing is certain at this time, there is a high level of confidence at DPI that their request will be granted. If approved DPI will open another round of charter funds for Implementation, Implementation Renewal, and Dissemination Renewal grants. At this time, DPI does not plan to accept any Planning or Dissemination grant applications.

10. Professional Development Opportunities / Equipment Purchases

11. New Business

We have received approval to go ahead and enroll in the Great Lakes Scripts program. It was suggested to have a member of FIE coordinate the efforts rather than a staff member. Tori Mann expressed interest in coordinating the script program through FIE. Greg Hall volunteered to contact Fox River Academy to determine how they run their scripts. Meeting will take place with Tori and FWA staff to work on a plan to bring forward to the December Governance Council meeting.

Students schedule to speak on benefits of school trips to HASD Board of Education at the December 9th - The students will have 10 minutes to share.

April 25th discussed as potential date for the spring fundraising event.

12. Informational Items

- A. FIE Update – Last meeting postponed. Next planned event is the dip sale prior to Christmas. Staff extended thank you to FIE the time and energy helping with fundraising and preparing for family events. Because of their efforts the staff has been able to focus more on their time on the students.

13. Upcoming Events

- A. WKCE Testing Window– November 4th -13th
B. 7th Grade to Washington DC – Friday November 8th – Tuesday November 12th
C. December Governance Council Meeting – Monday December 2nd 6 PM
D. Student Presentation to Board of Education – Monday December 9th 7PM
E. Presentation Night – Monday December 16th – 6-7 PM

14. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M.