

2017 - May 9th - WAMCS Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 4:00 pm

Present - Erin, Kevin, Bill, Jenny, Kathy, Stacey, Amber, Andrea, Robin, Kate, Sue,

Absent - Shawn, Mark

April Minutes were provided prior to the meeting, 1 minute review, Bill moved to approve, Jenny seconded, all ayes, April minutes approved.

Principal's Report - Erin

Many kids for next years K/1 class have been visiting

Chippewa Valley Montessori staff visit

Our Staff participated in Active Shooter Training

2/3 Room Reunited, after a week things are going well. Kids are demonstrating great patience

MMUN - 2 sessions for next year due to popularity. China MMUN off the table for now.

Need more time to prepare. A parent manual has been created to help next year's families navigate the MMUN planning and programming.

Budget allocation for next year \$20,362. Some items for purchase: replace science tables with proper ones, culture and science shelving, I pads. "Smart Board," says Robin.

Curriculum purchases

School improvement - Continuing Ed, Montessori Consulting, Montessori Conference

Last day of school, June 7th, ½ day. Moving up and school field day June 6th

Parent Connect- Wendy Huft

Swim night and French Night were very successful

PC will help fund families unable to afford field trips

20% of all fundraising will be donated to MMUN families IF THEY MEET VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

Met with Janet Tews regarding finance management

Science fair - May 18th 5 - 7 pm

Dine out May 23rd 4 - 8 Panera

Montessori Musical next year May 2nd and 3rd. Drama Club After School in September by Hillary Hastings

Committee Updates

Curriculum/Ed - Need to work on an orientation plan for new incoming kiddos. Erin and staff would like a ½ day or full day before school begins. Erin will get some dates together and work with the committee to get Orientation plans in the works.

Facilities/Building

Jenny updated group on meeting with Julie Sprague and Rob Phelps and Erin. Mark Johnson is heading up the the effort. The discussion will open the need to collaborate with HM for a more contiguous and appropriate space. She also updated us on long term plans to present a proposal to the ED/OPS committee. We need to work out our Strategic Plan and have a solid vision of WHAT we are WHO we are and WHERE we are going.

Strategic Plan - Bill has volunteered to head that project.

Andrea's District Report

W/Dr. Phelps she and Erin have worked out and ENCORE Block in the afternoon to assure us of a 3 hour uninterrupted work block in the morning. This will also provide more prep time for teachers.

Worked with Andy Grimm to increase the amount of Guidance/Pupil Services from a 1/2 day to 1-½ days for Montessori Students

School Improvement Day May 28th

Parent and Staff Survey will be shared in the coming days with school and will shape the schools SLO for next year

Discussion Items

Annual Meeting - Planning for next year. Parent Connect Presentation was excellent. Jenny recommended that we put a similar presentation together with the GC. We need to put out there what we have been working on and have accomplished over the year. Attendance was poor. Should the date be changed for next year? Are there any advantages to moving to a different month? To coincide with Officer Elections? Perhaps January? Kevin decided that we will leave it where it is and plan better to avoid Easter and Spring Break. All discussion of Member Elections and Policy were ended and moved to "Summer work".

Calendar Meeting will be in June

Newsletter contribution - Kathy will make sure to put an article together for the next Newsletter so parents know what we are working on and what to look forward to. As well as how to get in touch with us to communicate their concerns.

Summer Business Meetings - Day, Time, and Locations - Need to set at a time more convenient for all GC members and Parents who would like to attend.

Move to First Tuesdays at 4:30 in Charles and Ambers Classroom

Officers meeting TBD

Meeting agenda will be available to all members no later than Friday afternoon.

Kevin will work with Kathy to get the agenda out on a timely basis (?)

HOS Search - Kevin asked Jenny to gather names of persons interested in serving on the HOS candidate interview and evaluation committee to be presented to the Council for action at the June business meeting." - Jenny will head this committee and will contact Chris Nyman

An action item for June will be to set a timeline for interviewing candidates forwarded from the School District. Any GC members interested in serving on this committee should let her know. You must commit to being a part of the the process and present for all interviews and discussions.

Staffing Items - Stacey

Teaching assistants are tasked with a range of classroom responsibilities beyond the assistant responsibility level. Because of principal demands for Erin, accessibility to other staff in the building and reading interventions that are 6 hours each day, she feels that education is being affected. There is a need for additional staff.

Andrea discussed support staff ratios and that we are unique, but that we already have more that other settings. We are first priority with Americorps so that program will hopefully be continued.

We can certainly propose that we add staff hours and that would need to be detailed with a proposal put forth by Erin at any time throughout the summer.

Vision and Mission - Kevin moved discussion of this to June/Summer

Andrea can connect us with an outside consultant to help us define our Vision and Mission if we are interested. Amber stated that we should balance that with a Montessori Consultant to help us renew our efforts to restore our montessori philosophy. Bill asked her to investigate options (she asked, and Bill said, "yes," actually).

Kim Casey as GC member - Kevin reported that he asked Kim Casey to stay on the GC through the summer and she agreed, but could not attend this evening due to illness.

Stacey moved to adjourn, Bill seconded, all ayes Meeting adjourned at 6:35

Items moved to June

1. Set Calendar
2. Discuss Election policy
3. Discuss Vision and Mission
4. Set Time Line for Principal Interviews