

Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School (ROLES) Governance Council Meeting

Riveredge Nature Center
4458 County Road Y
Saukville, WI 53080

Thursday, August 8, 2019
8:00 am

Present: Jessica Jens, Mary Ann Christopher, Becky Wollner (via phone), Mia Arter, Ami Rosengren, Sunny Knutson, Jessica Tipkemper, Shelly

Absent: Dan Davis, Amy Levash

Handouts: Draft Curriculum Framework

Call to Order: 8:04 am, reading of the Public Notice

- Item: Approval of August 8th meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes
1st – Ami Rosengren, 2nd – Mary Ann Christopher. Item passed unanimously.
- Item: Introduce & welcome staff
 - xxxx officially welcomed to the ROLES team
- Item: Enrollment update
 - Final Kindergarten spot to be filled soon
- Item: Discuss back to school Open House
 - Discussed roles of Governance Council and teachers at open house, ROLES staff to prepare talking points and guidelines for Governance Council members
 - Discussed opportunity for families to purchase branded gear
 - Discussed presentation of K/1 combined classes
- Item: Presentation and adoption of curriculum
 - Due to lack of frameworks of genuine inquiry-led curricula, ROLES staff have developed a curriculum that provides tools, resources, and human supports for creating a student-led framework
 - to be formed for further exploration
 - Motion to approve the draft as presented with requirement for Academic Oversight Committee to be established within a month for continued review
1st – Mary Ann Christopher, 2nd – Ami Rosengren. Item passes unanimously.
- Item: Planning & Leadership Coordinator and Lead Teacher updates
 - ROLES staff was introduced at the NOSD School Board meeting
 - ROLES staff connected with Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department for security and law enforcement
 - Assembly of the classroom yurts is nearly completed
 - School pictures have been scheduled for students and classrooms
 - Furniture has been delivered
- Item: Committee updates
 - Governance Committee: Applications open now for additional Governance Council members
 - Finance Committee: ~75% of school fees received
- Item: Policies and Committees plan and timeline for 2019-2020

- Academic Oversight Committee to be formed when additional members are added to the Governance Council – articulating a shared vision and pathway to achieve it and establishing a method by which to evaluate success
- Governance Committee to consider additional policy changes, including a communications plan
- Item: Governance Council meeting plans and dates for 2019-2020
 - Discussed moving to monthly full Governance Council meetings starting in October with more frequent and regularly scheduled Committee meetings and more frequent staff communications to the Council between meetings

Meeting adjourned: 9:56 1st – Mia Arter, 2nd – Mary Ann Christopher. Item passed unanimously.

Next Governance Council Meeting is Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 4:00 pm.