

Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School (ROLES) Governance Council Meeting

Riveredge Nature Center
4458 County Road Y
Saukville, WI 53080

Thursday, September 12, 2019

4:00 pm

Present: Jessica Jens, Mary Ann Christopher, Becky Wollner, Ami Rosengren, Sunny Knutson, Jessica Tipkemper, Amy Levash (via phone),

Absent: Dan Davis, Mia Arter

Handouts: ROLES Governance Council Summary of Applicants

Call to Order: 4:00 pm, reading of the Public Notice

- Item: Approval of August 22nd meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve the minutes
 - 1st – Mary Ann Christopher, 2nd – Becky Wollner. Item passed unanimously.
- Item: Lead Teacher updates
 - Everything is going smoothly into the second week of school. Students are spending time getting familiar with the trails and grounds of Riveredge Nature Center and starting to settle into a routine. Teachers are also focusing on building classroom culture utilizing Responsive Classroom.
 - We have been working with Deputy Nick Holzer, from the Ozaukee County Sheriff's department, on school safety.
 - There is lots of enthusiasm from parents on starting a PTO.
- Item: Enrollment update
 - Currently there are sixty-nine students enrolled.
 - Kindergarten/1st grade classes are filling. There are two spots left in 2nd grade and one spot left in 3rd/4th grade classes.
- Item: Annual Meeting business:
 - The Governance Council elected officers for the 2019-2020 school year.
 - President: Jessica Jens
 - Vice President: Mary Ann Christopher
 - Secretary: Mia Arter
 - Treasurer: Becky Wollner
 - 1st – Ami Rosengren, 2nd – Amy Levash. Item passed unanimously.
 - After discussing the applicants, Council members elected Mike Mullen and Cecilia Guajardo to become members of the Governance Council. Mia Arter will follow up with applicants and new members prior to the next meeting.
 - 1st – Mary Ann Christopher, 2nd – Amy Levash. Item passed unanimously
- Item: Finance Committee update
 - The Finance Committee will meet the third Monday every month beginning in October.
- Item: Upcoming agenda items
 - We will establish an Academic Oversight Committee at the next meeting and continue to discuss the establishment of the Communications Committee.
 - 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: 5:32pm 1st – Ami Rosengren, 2nd – Mary Ann Christopher. Item passed unanimously.

Next Governance Council Meeting is Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 4:00 pm.