



# The Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School Governance Council meeting January 13, 2021 Minutes

---

## I. Opening Items

### A. Call the Meeting to Order

Mary Ann called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

### B. Record Attendance

Remote: Mary Ann Christopher, Amy Levash, Pete Christy, Brian Fortney, Brynn Stadler, Tera Rogers, and Korinne Haeffel

Absent: Becky Jewell

Public Attendance: Christina Knoske, Sarah Fortney, Greta Malek, Laura Wollersheim, Ami Rosengren, Sunny Knutson, Sara Christy, Kat Chronis, Laura Smith, Moriah Butler, Sarah Neumann, Bridget Pankonin, Mike Mullen, and Cindy Raimer

### C. Approval of Agenda- 6:04pm

Modifications to agenda:

-2A. Dan's official resignation

-4. Discussion of voting new President and vacancy of officer position

-Move IX. Move public comment to VIII and move discussion to WRCCS document

Motion made by Brian Fortney and 2nd by Tera Rogers.

### D. Approval of [December 23, 2020 Minutes](#)

Brynn Stadler made the motion and Amy Levash 2nd the motion to approve the minutes..

### E. Approval of [January 6, 2021 Minutes - Closed Session](#)

Brian Fortney made the motion and Pete 2nd the motion to approve the minutes.

All opening items passed unanimously by the Governance Council at 6:07pm.

## II. Introduce Bridget Pankonin as new Governance Council member candidate- 6:08pm

A. Dan Davis' official resignation- 6:07pm, propose a motion to waive Dan's written resignation and accept his verbal resignation as given to Mike Mullen. Brynn made motion and Korinne 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Allow Bridget to introduce herself

C. [Bridget's Bio](#)

D. Vote on Bridget Pankonin as new Governance Council member- 6:19pm

Amy made a motion and Pete 2nd motion to elect Bridget Pankonin to the Governance Council. Motion passed unanimously.

## III. Administrator's Report - Mike Mullen- 6:20pm

-DPI Monitoring visit on Friday, looking forward to it and thank you to everyone who is involved.

-Students are cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

-Creating family-based learning opportunities

-New kindergartener and new 3rd grader- 88 students currently

-Requesting everyone be safe at home. Students and staff are working hard at making it a safe

-environment during the day and just asking everyone to do their part at home.

IV. New Governance Council President transition - Mike Mullen- 6:32pm

- A. Establish a date for our next meeting to elect a new council President

Decide on bringing to vote a new President

Taking any nominations or interest

Amy Levash is interested in stepping forward as President

Brian Fortney made a motion to elect Amy Levash as President and Brynn Stadler 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary position has opened up with Amy as President. Job description was screen shared. Brynn Stadler and Brian Fortney volunteered together. Amy Levash made a motion to elect Brynn as secretary and Brian has assistant secretary. Tera Rogers 2nd motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Committee Reports- 6:49pm

- A. Finance

Meeting was put off until after DPI monitoring

- B. Facilities & Operations

Monthly tour last week- everything looks great. Teachers doing a great job. No structural issues at all. Riveredge has a great system for any repairs as well as plowing/shoveling.

- C. Governance

Hoping to meet within the next week.

- D. Teaching and Learning

Meeting next week Wednesday.

- E. PTO Liaison

Great things going on with t-shirt sales. PTO working very hard to help families feel connected especially right now during Covid. Reaching out to new students to make them feel welcome.

VI. Discussion around creating a marketing committee - Mike Mullen- 6:55pm

Providing the community with more information with what is going on with ROLES. Marketing committee that helps put together a year round plan. Continue to grow this model.

VII. Enrollment Process Update- Sunny Knutson- 7:05pm

For the Grant, we need to reach out to places with diverse audiences to put out the ROLES promotional materials. Parent Information sessions coming up. It is good to have 1 or 2 GC members in attendance Feb 1- April 30 Open Enrollment window, lottery in early May.

VIII. Public Comment- 7:09pm

Time for public comment

- IX. Review the [Wisconsin Resource Center for Charter Schools \(WRCCS\) document](#) menu and determine what items can be discussed at the next meeting- 7:11pm

Looking to spend a little time at the end of every meeting for professional growth. For the next meeting, we are going to focus on #5 Governance Practice: A (Governance Board Roles and Responsibilities) and C (Governance Board Meetings).

X. Closing Items- 7:20pm

- A. Adjourn Meeting

Amy Levash made a motion to adjourn. Korinne Haefel 2nd motion. Motion passed. Meeting is adjourned.