



# The Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School Minutes

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## Date and Time

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 6:00PM CDT

All items slated for a vote may or may not be voted on during this session

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## Agenda

### I. Opening Items

#### A. Call the Meeting to Order

Dan Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

#### B. Record Attendance

Record attendance at 6:01pm

Remotely: Amy Levash, Brynn Stadler, Pete Christy, Mary-Ann Christopher, Brian Fortney, Dan Davis, Korrine Haefeel, Tera Rogers (later on in the meeting)

Public attendance- Sarah Fortney, Greta Malek, Sarah Neumann, Amy Pollard, Christina Knoske, Kat Chronis, Laura Wollersheim, Ami Rosengren, Cindy Rainer, Sunny Knutson, Mike Mullen

#### C. Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes- 6:02pm

Amy Levash made a motion to approve the minutes. Brynn Staddler 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

#### D. Approval of October 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approval of minutes at 6:03pm

Brian Fortney made a motion to approve the minutes. Pete Christy 2nd the motion. It passed unanimously.

### II. Administrator's Report

#### A. Administrator's Report

Mike presented the administrator's report at 6:04pm

- COVID Impact Update

Monitoring the Covid numbers and meet with the Ozaukee Health Department twice per week.

Third grade is back in person starting tomorrow.

- MAP Testing

MAP results went home at the beginning of the year. Have some real strong students and looking to support the students who are struggling and also the ones who are doing well. What are we using it for? Creating student learning objectives for the school year and to support our students. Purchasing curriculum to help students doing really well. Dan asked Mike to break down the information into a summary doc.

### III. Committee Reports

#### A. Finance

Finance report at 6:14pm

Moving through the audit- goal is to be done by the end of the month. Due by December 1st.

#### B. Facilities & Operations

Facilities & Operations at 6:15pm

They met this past week. The shed down at the farm is done. Facility tour is this next week Wednesday morning and will look at the maintenance shed timeline and get a better understanding between the nature center and the school. The heated portion will be converted into a classroom next year.

C. Governance

Governance at 6:16pm

May-Ann is working to find a time to meet on a regular basis.

D. Teaching & Learning

Teaching & Learning- 6:18pm

The committee met this past week Wednesday. Amy Levash is the chair of the committee. Discussed future meeting times and have Mike attend to discuss art and music curriculum. Discussed having consistent committee members and including teachers on the committee. Main discussion was on what to do after holiday breaks. If we should go virtual for 2 weeks or 1 week to monitor the Covid spread.

E. PTO Liaison

PTO Liaison- 6:21pm

Pete Christy communicated that the PTO met on Monday.

Working on a new shirt design, clothing sales netted over \$400 so far. Also working on stickers and car clings. Art Fundraiser-Catalogs will arrive on the 16th, will have until Nov 30th to order online., Products will arrive in mid- December. Fundraising recognition rocks/boulders ideas. Looking to restock the gear closet. They had 10 people present.

**IV. Special On-line Learning Schedule Change**

A. Special On-line Learning Schedule Change

Special on-line learning change- 6:26pm

Dan Davis went over the special on-line learning schedule change proposal and said we may or may not vote on it tonight. Gave thoughts on school being the safest place. He talked to 2 superintendents and both have considered, but have decided not to do virtual after breaks. They are waiting to see if any symptoms occur after being around family. Mike also shared a similar view based on data and conversations he has had. Each Governance Council member expressed their thoughts and the discussion went back and forth on their views with going virtual after breaks. Right now we just don't know what will happen after breaks. Some expressed the concern of once we go virtual we'll have a hard time going back. Another idea was waiting to see how Thanksgiving goes and then deciding on after the New Year. Also, we may have better control having the students in our environment at school. Other Governance Council members expressed concerns that the data shows Covid is just going to keep getting worse. For some, there has been a direct impact on their family. No conclusion was made during this discussion. The Governance Council members wanted to hear from the parents and teachers as well before making a decision. It was concluded that we don't have enough data to make a decision tonight. A survey will be sent out to parents and teachers to get more information.

**V. Public Comment**

A. Public Comment

Public comment- 7:03pm

Several parents expressed their opinion on whether or not ROLES should go virtual after holiday breaks. Dan has received several emails in support of staying in person and others wanting to go virtual from parents present at the Governance Council meeting and those who are not in attendance. Parents have opposing views on the topic with no clear consensus on what ROLES should do. Parents would like to know how the teachers feel. Parents also discussed how teachers cannot provide perfect virtual and in person instruction. There are not enough resources. One parent is wondering if we have looked at the sick to in person ration to decide if/when to go virtual? Parents are concerned families are not going to stick to their bubble over break and therefore could be coming back to school symptomatic after breaks. Many parents have asked for the Governance Council to consider the proposal.

**VI. Closing Items**

A. Adjourn Meeting

At 7:34pm Brian Fortney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tera Rogers 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.