



The Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School Agenda

Date and Time

Thursday, February 24th at 6:00PM CDT

Attendance: Brian Fortney, Amy Levash, Cindy Raimer, Chrissy Knoske, Laura Wollersheim, Sarah Neumann, Tera Rogers, Sara Christy, Brynn Stadler, Greta Malek, Korinne Haefel, Tony Wachewicz, Vanessa Goll, Pete Christy, Bridget Pankonin, James Macy, Anna Angell, Monica Skwierawski, Ami Rosengren, Amy VanSpeybroeck, Kat Chronis, Sara Christy, Jessica Koepsell, Sarah Fortney, Brielle Pauli

Agenda

- I. Opening Items
 - A. Approval of Agenda
 1. Motion to Approve: Brian Fortney
 2. Second: Korinne Haefel
 3. Motion Carried
 - B. Approval of Minutes
 1. [January 2022 Minutes](#)
 2. [Special Meeting](#)
 - a) Motion to Approve: Tera Rogers
 - b) Second: Brynn Stadler
 - c) Motion Carried
- II. Motion to go into Closed Session
 - A. Pursuant to section 19.85 (1) ©
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 - 1) Motion to Approve: Korinne Petersen
 - 2) Second: Pete Christy
 - 3) Role Call: Unanimous Approval
 - 4) Motion to move back to public session: Brian Fortney
 - 5) Second: Korinne Haefel
 - 6) Motion carried
 - B. Adjourn Closed session and re enter public meeting
- III. Cate Tinker Resignation
 - A. Letter submitted
 1. Motion to approve: Korinne Haefel
 2. Second: Tera Rogers
 3. Role Call: Unanimous
 4. Need a Riveredge Board member

- IV. 2022-2023 School Year Calendar
 - A. [NOSD Calendar](#)
 - B. Virtual Fridays was approved for the next 3 years
 - 1. Motion to Approve: Tera Rogers
 - 2. Second: Korinne Haeffel
 - 3. Motion Carried

- V. Lottery Date: May 12th
 - A. GC Help needed

- VI. Administrator Report
 - A. [Admin Report](#)
 - B. [Literacy Coach](#)
 - 1. Hours of support?
 - 2. Co-teaching/Instructional model?
 - 3. What is the plan? How will she be used?
 - 4. We would like a more concrete plan.
 - 5. Has CESA6 been consulted for an in-house literacy coach?

- VII. Middle School Grant Update
 - A. [Grant Update](#)
 - 1. We would like to have a more comprehensive overview of the grant proposal and how it addresses the concerns that we raised earlier this year.
 - 2. The fact that the location is "to be determined" is unnerving.
 - 3. We would like the grant shared with us.

- VIII. Exit Parent Interview
 - A. How are the students performing after leaving ROLES?
 - B. Are they prepared for Middle School?
 - C. Committee to organize
 - 1. Korinne Haeffel and Laura Wollersheim will head this up
 - 2. Brynn Stadler agreed to support as well.

- IX. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance
 - 1. January Financials
 - 2. (emailed separately)
 - a) Motion to Approve: Brynn Stadler
 - b) Second: Pete Christy
 - c) Motion Carries
 - B. Facilities & Operations
 - C. Executive
 - 1. [February Minutes](#)
 - D. Teaching & Learning
 - 1. [February Minutes](#)
 - 2. Did the Fountas and Pinnell Phonics curriculum ever arrive at ROLES?
 - a) Brynn wants to make sure the sample gets returned so we aren't responsible for it anymore.
 - E. PTO
 - 1. [February Minutes](#)

- X. Public Comment
 - A. Public Comment
 - 1. Monica Skwierawski - Sat in on the Teaching and Learning Committee and wondered why the Phonics Curriculum was passed to Mike to make the decision. Wonders if there is a need for a literacy coach at this time without having the

curriculum in place. State report cards were sent out and Mike focused on the soft skills and she's worried that we aren't competitive academically with some of the other schools.

2. Vanessa Goll - GC members were in receipt of an email she sent regarding some safety issues. Issues not fully resolved, but there is improvement. Communication is improving, but room for growth. Rough and Tumble has discontinued. She has questions and concerns regarding curriculum. Would like to see the phonics curriculum actioned. Would like Mike to share the data demonstrating how well the school is running. She's worried that having two part time staff in the administrative roles is insufficient for the amount of work to be done. Worried that safety can and will fall through the cracks. Looking forward to future meetings, team effort, holding accountability for those involved and growth.
3. Cindy Raimer - Would like to request that the Governance Council reconsider the decision-making on curriculum. In her findings, several schools have the committee make the decision. The parents and other stakeholders should have a say in guiding the curriculum. Respectfully request that the Governance Council reconsider how those decisions are made and leaving them in the committee.
4. Korinne Haefel - Would like the GC links in the school calendar on Bloomz as well as the link to the meeting.
5. Greta Malek - In talking about the curriculum, a month ago it was brought up the topic of the human growth curriculum. Where is the committee with respect to that. She has also identified some common core curriculum that is not taught at ROLES. For example: US States and capitals (MPS - 3rd grade)
6. Laura Wollersheim - Human growth and development was brought up possibly last year with Mike. She sent Mike a really popular free curriculum that she knows a lot of charter schools use.
7. Chrissy Knoske - Human growth and development - when they were in quarantine, her daughter's school sent home the videos with the curriculum and a doctor answered some questions. Mike has the information. Jade literacy coach - Mike would fill in for the teacher while Jade was working with the teacher.
8. Cindy Raimer - Human growth and development - her child's grade school hired a doctor who did a 2 hour presentation that the parent's could attend with the child. Very well done. Had to pay for it.
9. Greta Malek - Would like to have a doctor do the teaching rather than a male teacher (5th grade). Would make it less awkward for the girls in the class.
10. Pete Christy - Was wondering why Chrissy knows about the details of the literacy coaching, but not the Governance Council
11. Chrissy Knoske - Raised the issue with respect to her student and was filled in at that time.
12. Brielle Pauli - Virtual Fridays - was passed for the next three school years. Wants to take a look at how we are running virtual Fridays. Are we utilizing the time appropriately? Are the assignments grade specific? Parents have to spend a good deal of time on the weekend to help their younger children get through their assignments. Would like everyone to work together to find some middle ground.
13. Monica Skwierawski - would like to take a look at the holidays. Her kids didn't know why Columbus Day was a holiday.
14. Greta Malek - Following up with Monica, would like to recommend that we look at different religious beliefs with tolerance and acceptance in mind.

XI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

1. Motion to Approve: Tera Rogers

2. Second: Brynn Stadler
3. Motion carried

Committee Meetings:

- Teaching & Learning Committee- 1st Thursday at 6:30pm
- Executive Committee- 3rd Thursday at 7pm
- Facilities Committee- 4th Wednesday at RNC at 3:45pm

2020-2021 Governance Council Meeting Dates

- March 31st at 6pm (5th Thursday)
- April 28th at 6pm
- May 26th at 6pm
- June 23rd at 6pm