



The Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School Agenda

Date and Time

Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 6pm

Location: NOSD Innovation Room

Attendance: Adam Eader, Korinne Haeffel-Petersen, Dianne Abbey, Brian Fortney, Amy Levash, Cindy Raimer

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

Agenda

I. Opening Items

- A. Call the Meeting to Order
- B. Record Attendance
- C. Approval of Agenda
 - 1. Motion to approve: Brian
 - 2. Second: Adam
 - 3. Motion carried
- D. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. [March GC Meeting Minutes](#)
 - 2. [March Closed Session Minutes](#)
 - 3. [April Working Meeting Minutes](#)
 - 4. [April 4 Closed Session Minutes](#)
 - 5. [April 25 Closed Session Minutes](#)
 - a) Motion to approve: Brian
 - b) Second: Dianne
 - c) Motion carried

II. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Perception Survey
- B. Policies
 - 1. 0166.1 CONSENT AGENDA - Google Docs.pdf
 - 2. 1130 - ETHICS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Google Docs.pdf
 - 3. 1211 - WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION - Google Docs.pdf
 - 4. 1213 - STUDENT SUPERVISION AND WELFARE - Google Docs.pdf
 - 5. 2221 - SPECIAL OBSERVANCE DAYS - Google Docs.pdf
 - 6. 2240 - CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN THE CLASSROOM - Google Docs.pdf
 - 7. 2531 - COPYRIGHTED WORKS - Google Docs.pdf
 - 8. 3111 - CREATING A POSITION - Google Docs.pdf
 - 9. 3112 - GOVERNANCE COUNCIL-STAFF COMMUNICATIONS - Google Docs.pdf

- 10. [3210 - STAFF ETHICS - Google Docs.pdf](#)
- 11. [5780 - STUDENT_PARENT RIGHTS - Google Docs.pdf](#)

- C. Motion to Approve: Korinne
- D. Second: Adam
- E. Motion carried

III. Governance Council recruitment

- A. Community members
- B. Full on parents
- C. Would like to recruit someone with legal expertise
- D. A finance background would be good too
- E. School background/education background
 - 1. Korinne has a possible contact who may know some interested parties
- F. Korinne will add a recruitment statement to the monthly newsletter
- G. Amy Levash read her intent to resign from the Governance Council for consideration and a vote in May.

IV. Policy & Norms Discussion

- A. [Governance Council Norms](#)
- B. [FIELD TRIP POLICY 2023 - Google Docs.pdf](#)
- C. [9130 - PUBLIC REQUESTS, SUGGESTIONS, OR COMPLAINTS - Google Docs.pdf](#)
- ~~D. [3340 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE - Google Docs.pdf](#)~~
- E. [2105 - MISSION, CORE VALUES AND PILLARS OF THE SCHOOL - Google Docs.pdf](#)
- F. [1110 - ASSESSMENT OF SCHOOL GOALS - Google Docs.pdf](#)
- G. Motion to Approve the governance council norms: Dianne
- H. Second: Korinne
- I. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Motion to Approve the remaining policies except for Grievance Procedures: Brian
- K. Second: Adam
- L. Discussion: We will not include Grievance Procedures on the vote, because there are two different policies and only one made it to the agenda.
- M. Motion carried unanimously

V. Admin Report

- A. [Admin Report-April](#)

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Financial
 - 1. March Financials emailed separately
- B. Motion to approve the March Financials: Adam
- C. Second: Dianne
- D. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Facilities and Operations
 - 1. Korinne and Adam have been working to address as many as the feedback items that came from the parent forum
 - 2. Facilities rent agreement with Riveredge is still being negotiated
 - a) Document does not address all of the concerns we had raised
 - b) ROLES currently pays a rate of \$7.00/student/day to use the classrooms that we have. There is an additional \$5000 fee to gain access to pay for educational and adventure programming. Riveredge has suggested that they would like to raise the rate to \$8.00/student/day. We had proposed a \$7.25/student/day rate, but it was denied by Riveredge stating that they are raising all of their fees across the board. They agreed to change the rate to match our enrollment numbers more frequently based on actual

daily enrollment instead of the State 2nd Friday count days, and to bill us monthly instead of semi-annually. We have guaranteed that we will pay 75% of the total fees we paid to Riveredge last year this next year. Fortunately our enrollment numbers are shaping up to support that commitment.

- c) There are two pieces of property that are contenders for the next iteration of the school. Both properties are within 5 minutes of Riveredge.
 - (1) 1 is ~60 acres that we could purchase outright.
 - (2) 1 is ~35 acres (a lease), but is bordered by park lands that we could potentially use and explore.
 - (3) In both cases, we could potentially need a temporary solution due to lack of infrastructure (running water, bathrooms, internet) due to negotiations between all parties.

F. Exec Committee

- 1. [Minutes](#)

G. [PTO](#)

VII. Rebranding-School Names

- A. GC will be narrowing the list down to two choices that will go public after due diligence with a Trademark Lawyer.
- B. Motion to strike option "C" from the choices: Korinne
- C. Second: Adam\
- D. May 15th is when public voting opens. Students and staff have 50% weight, 25% parents and 25% community members
- E. Fourth Graders have volunteered to run the school voting process
- F. Motion carried. 4 to 1 (Brian voted Nay)

VIII. Accept PLTW Grant (emailed separately)

- A. Motion to accept the PLTW grant and move forward with planning: Brian
- B. Second: Korinne
- C. Motion carried unanimously

IX. Recommendation to post teaching position

- A. 5th Grade - 14 returning and 4 applicants for open enrollment - Cindy recommends we post a position
- B. Kindergarten - waitlist of 4 - Cindy recommends that we post the position
 - 1. Motion to post 5th and kindergarten positions: Dianne
 - 2. Second: Adam
 - 3. Motion carried

X. Public Comment

- A. No members of the public were present.

XI. Closed Session

Motion to go into Closed Session

- a. The exemption in Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) authorizes a closed session to discuss legal counsel advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (contract review)
 - i. Motion to go into closed session: Korinne

- ii. Second: Dianne
- iii. Role Call
 - 1. Brian Fortney - Aye
 - 2. Korinne Haeffel-Petersen - Aye
 - 3. Dianne Abbey - Aye
 - 4. Adam Eader - Absent
 - 5. Amy Levash - Aye
- iv. Motion to open session: Korinne
- v. Second: Adam
- vi. Role Call
 - 1. Brian Fortney - Aye
 - 2. Korinne Haeffel-Petersen - Aye
 - 3. Dianne Abbey - Aye
 - 4. Adam Eader - Aye
 - 5. Amy Levash - Aye

XII. Items up for vote from closed session

- A. Motion to prioritize the lease opportunity and whatever options we need to pursue to facilitate it: Brian
- B. Second: Dianne
- C. Motion carried unanimously

XIII. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn Meeting
 - 1. Motion to adjourn: Korinne
 - 2. Second: Dianne
 - 3. Motion carried unanimously

[2022-2023 School Year Governance Council Meeting Dates](#)

- May 11th, 2023 at 9am (Lottery)
- May 11th, 2023 at 6pm (Working Meeting)
- May 25th, 2023 at 6pm

[Summer Governance Council Meeting Dates](#)

- June 8th, 2023 at 6pm (Working Meeting)
- June 22nd, 2023 at 6pm
- Tentatively No July Meeting (unless urgent business arises)