



Governance Board Meeting MINUTES

4.17.24

Location: Valley New School / Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/7831034684>

Attendance - Tanya Rosenbaum, Niki Luedtke, Reeder Luedtke, Burke Wallace, Beth Pierce, Shannon Rabas, David Debbink,

Call to Order

5:04

Community Input/ Sharing

Eval day #5 is tomorrow. There is also a community lunch tomorrow. Event day #3 has been scheduled for May 1st and 2nd. Alumni, Cam Kubasta, came in and filmed students and staff for “A Day in the Life” video. He got a lot of good footage and will be coming back to record student voiceovers for the film.

AEF hosts an end of year luncheon where they highlight 3 projects to present to guests and donors. The AI grant VNS received was chosen and 2 students will be presenting at the luncheon.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 6-0

Committee Reports

Finance - Still working on creating transparency for the VNS budget. Budget meeting next week with Jen, Burke and Tanya.

There was a discussion about possibly needing to create a facilities line in the budget to cover low cost building improvements.

Community Partnership - CPC approved the purchase of a new skeleton for the display board that is used for recruitment and events. The VNS secretary found a used one, in like new condition, and made the purchase.



There were other discussions about how else to improve the display and draw people in to talk about VNS. There are ideas for a video monitor to play slideshows or the Day in the Life video and new banners.

AISA - Discussed new mentees for next year. Each advisory will be in need of a few new mentees. There is continued discussion about phone usage at VNS. Students see handing in phones as a punishment, versus a way to work without distractions. Students and advisors want to have an active reflection process with the phone usage this year. There is an interest in how to battle cell phone addiction. Student discussion groups will reflect on the VNS culture last year versus this year.

Old Business

Building update - People from facilities were in the building last week to discuss some of the needs of VNS in this space. Electrical upgrades will need to be a priority to make changes possible to the new space. VNS and the board want to make sure we are included in the decision making process for any changes made to our space.

Enrollment update - Out of the 17 offered seats for the 24-25 school year at VNS, 15 have already been accepted. Utilizing email rather than letters sent home in the mail has streamlined the offer/acceptance process. We know there will be more movement with the waitlist as the end of the school year approaches.

New Business

Event day #3 is scheduled for May 1st and 2nd. We are storming College Ave with the theme "Did you know?". We currently have 5 downtown coffee shops willing to host students and will allow them to set up a small display and engage with patrons. Students will be doing shortened presentations on a wide range of topics and projects. Seniors will be at each coffee shop to greet people and hand out fliers. We will have students there from 8:30-10 and 11:30-1.



VNS received another \$5000 donation to our music program. We have two new students taking music lessons this year. And we recently used some of our previous music donation money to purchase some new sound equipment. VNS also received a \$100 donation from the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. We decided to put that money into the student project fund.

Next Meeting

Wednesday May 22, 2024

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