

**POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE CREW
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☒ Dan Lathrop (non-voting)	☐ Jen Zach	☒ Mary Jo Lechner	☒ James Oksuita
☒ Christine Munson	☒ Jayce Oksuita	☒ Jeff Mlsna (non-voting)	☒ Brody Rice
☒ Sue Acaley	☐ Jen Ries (non-voting)	☐ Carie Winn	☒ Connie Negaard
			☒ Victoria Trebs (non-voting)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (C Negaard, B Rice) to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passes, 7-yes, 0-no.

4. BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from August 15, 2024 -

It was moved and seconded (B Rice, C Negaard) to approve the minutes from August 15, 2024 as printed. Motion passes, 7-yes, 0-no.

B. Governance Crew Treasurer's Report balance is 5397.98

C. Point of Discovery School Budget Report - Table to next meeting

D. Report from Lead Teacher and Student Representatives

Dan:

Positive start to the school year; middle school students are camping at Wildcat State Park now and have canoe trip on Kickapoo River. Teachers are feeling good.

Enrollment is in the upper 90's with a few new applicants this past week. One is a student who was at PoDS, left, and now wants to come back for senior year; will likely end right around 100. There were multiple students with extenuating circumstances resulting in smaller numbers - moving, health issues, etc. This year, when 6th grade students visit Ben Franklin and PJ Jacobs, they will also visit PoDS. Dan is also working with 6th grade classes for visits. Plan for additional marketing to create new videos with updated testimonials, include alumni snips, and build into a larger marketing strategy. Considering community events in area communities for open enrollment. Discussion about Instagram and other social media posts.

There is a flex time built into the day for middle school students and some additional math and reading support.

Greg Miller is going to lead the Crew Council this year.

Jayce & Victoria:

Students are feeling positive. Student cell phone policy is going well. Middle school students are acclimating well to their new school.

E. Administrative Liaison Report – Jeff Mlsna

Cell phone policy is across the district - there are different expectations depending on grade and school discretion. There are 3 learning strands. cognitive summative assessments. Working on rigorous learning experiences. Working at all schools around belonging. Security update - Jeff Mlsna is the new director of Safety and Security. There is a task force with 16 members. Group focuses on facility, communication/resources, and social/emotional/mental health learning. Board approved Character Strong Access for all school

sites. The program focuses on social and emotional learning skills, character development, and positive behaviors in schools.
<https://characterstrong.com/>

F. 2023-24 Officer Nominations and Vote

The Slate of Candidates for the 2024-25 Point of Discovery School Governance Crew was approved.

Student representative– term expires 7/25

Christine Munson – term expires 7/27

Brody Rice – term expires 7/26

Mary Jo Lechner – term expires 7/26

Carie Winn – term expires 7/26

Jen Zach – term expires 7/27

James Oksiuta – term expires 7/27

Sue Acaley – term expires 7/27

Connie Negaard – term expires 7/27

Selection of Officers

President

It was moved and seconded (C Negaard, S Acaley) to nominate Brody Rice for the position of President. Motion passes, 8-yes, 0-no.

Vice President

It was moved and seconded (C Negaard, Jayce Oksuita) to nominate James Oksuita for the position of Vice President. Motion passes, 8-yes, 0-no.

Secretary

It was moved and seconded (C Negaard, Mary Jo Lechner) to nominate Chris Munson for the position of Secretary. Motion passes, 8-yes, 0-no.

Treasurer

It was moved and seconded (C Negaard, B Rice) to nominate Sue Acaley for the position of Treasurer. Motion passes, 8-yes, 0-no.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Outdoor classroom pavilion

Project for outdoor classroom that is solar to help provide electricity to the greenhouse. Per DPI grant guidelines, it cannot be permanent. Panels would connect to greenhouse and the school. Project will connect to the curriculum; be approved by county; needs to be bidded out for competitive bids. There is preference to identify a company close to the Stevens Point area to benefit the local economy and potentially provide teaching opportunities for students.

It was moved and seconded (B Rice, James Oksuita) to request bids for 3 companies. Motion passes, 8-yes, 0-no.

B. DPI grant monitoring visit

October 1 is the monitoring visit date. There are 3 panels/forums: teachers and principal, students and parents, governance board.

Meeting is 9-10:30 am on Oct 1. Brody and MaryJo are available; looking for at least one more Governance Crew member.

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

A. Governance Crew Meeting – October 9, 2024

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm