

Notice of Meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Crew
Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Point of Discovery School
1900 West Zinda Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, the Point of Discovery School Governance Crew will hold a meeting.

Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

☐ Dan Lathrop (non-voting)	☐ Jen Zach	☐ Mary Jo Lechner
☐ Elliot Zell	☐ Christine Munson	☐ Brody Rice
☐ Jayce Oksiuta (non-voting)	☐ Jeff Rice	☐ Carie Winn
☐ Jeff Mlsna (non-voting)	☐ Jen Ries (non-voting)	

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Mary Jo Second: Elliot Yay: 7 No: 0

4. Business (Information and/or Action)

a. Minutes from November 8, 2023

Motion to approve minutes: Jeff R Second: Brody Yay: 7 No: 0

b. Governance Crew Treasurer's report

c. Point of Discovery School budget report

Budget update shared by Dan. Spending so far this year on pace with spending in past years. Field trip fund utilized for beginning of the year trips, and more will be used for junior backpacking trip this spring. Grant spending remains on track for annual budget with emphasis on books, classroom supplies, and teacher professional development at EL National Conference.

d. Report from Principal and Student Representatives

- Report from Dan
 - Student Led Conferences took place the week before Thanksgiving. Family participation has lessened since COVID - participation prior to 2020 was over 90%, now is about 70%.
 - Mental health needs of students have increased in the past few years, which is impacting classroom instruction, student absences, and is putting a strain on teachers and staff. A few things are being done to address these needs:

- Increased use of mental health supports from outside the district
 - Increased number of students having appointments with Joe Rickert
 - Increased focus on mental health wellness in Crew
- Report from Elliot and Jayce
 - Classes going smoothly, especially for 11/12 - perception is maybe not as smoothly for 9/10 and middle school
 - Conferences went well
 - Mental health struggles of other students have become apparent to them too

e. Administrative Liaison Report

- District currently planning for Real Talk session at January PD day, focused on teachers hearing directly from students about times when teachers have made them feel appreciated and like they belong. Gigi is planning and will be running the session
- Gina Jordan now serving in a stipend position (paid through the grant), providing post-secondary counseling services for our students, especially juniors and seniors
 - She is holding events after school and PoDS and communicating regularly through email with both students and parents

f. Fundraising

- Update from Carie Winn
 - A group of about 8 parents has met and developed plans for fundraising this year
 - Jenny Bicknase will help organize a SnapRaise fundraiser. Students enter in email addresses of family and friends who will receive an email, outlining a request for them to participate in the fundraiser
 - A few local restaurants allow non-profits to help serve customers on select nights and then share a small percentage of the profits, including Pizza Ranch
 - Plates for PoDS will change a bit this year. We will no longer hire a professional chef, but make the meal simpler and more affordable for more families. We will cap the total amount that a family will pay for tickets. The silent auction is the best money-maker from that event.
 - Preliminary discussions about a fall fundraiser to start next year

5. New Business

6. Future Meeting Dates

a. Governance Crew Meeting - January 10, 2024

7. Adjournment