

GOVERNANCE CREW
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Jen Zach at 6:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

<u>_x_</u> Dan Lathrop (non-voting)	<u>_x_</u> Mary Jo Lechner	<u>_x_</u> Christine Munson	<u>_x_</u> Connie Negaard (non-voting)
<u>___</u> ~~Alicia Razvi~~	<u>___</u> Brody Rice	<u>_x_</u> Jeff Rice	<u>_x_</u> Jen Ries (non-voting)
<u>_x_</u> Nathan Gerbode	<u>_x_</u> Carie Winn	<u>_x_</u> Jen Zach	

Cathy Barbier
Joseph Vinopal
Katelyn Kollock
Randall Wotruba
William Koepke

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Lechner, Rice J) to approve the agenda with edit of striking Alicia Razvi. Motion passed 6-yes, 0-no.

4. STAFF DISCUSSION OF SECOND SEMESTER EXPEDITION

2nd term for 6th-8th - I have a Dream. Learn about civil rights and people in our community who have been involved in civil rights issues of the past and current day. There will be a focus on race this year. Documentary films will be final project with film showings for the Celebration of Learning.

Staff Questions and Needs:

Cathy Barbier - Literacy

District wide grant for books w/ emphasis on social justice

Seeking class wide text for group read, or possibly focus on variety of articles

21 Day Racial Equity Challenge - <https://www.eddiemoorejr.com/21daychallenge>

Kwame Alexander on NPR

[https://www.npr.org/2020/11/24/935504543/kwame-alexander-offers-new-poems-on-race-and-hope-as-](https://www.npr.org/2020/11/24/935504543/kwame-alexander-offers-new-poems-on-race-and-hope-as-psalms-and-balms-for-the-so)

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Students will do novel writing

Joseph Vinopal - Science

Will be focusing of video editing and use of technology tools in creation/development of documentaries

Randy Wotruba - Social Studies

Civil Rights Movement

Behavior Science - Culturally, who am I; what are my family's traditions; highlight difference perspectives

Make connections in Stevens Point - burial site at what is now UWSP

Different styles of documentaries

Interview techniques

Student accessible content (YouTube)

Importance of noting civil rights isn't over; racism is not an issue; we're not in a post-race

Katie Kollock - Math

Working through self paced math units

9th/10th

Team Teaching Literacy and Social Studies

Just finished reading the Underground Railroad

Next quarter - focus on US History and slavery

The Great Gatsby

To Kill a Mockingbird

Choice books

Suggestions on how to relate more dated texts to current date

Benefits to digging deeper into fewer texts and allow more choice

Could offer a shared read across generations (parents and students) reading To Kill A Mockingbird together

Culturally responsive practices - when our students leave our district, did they read authors that looked like them

Facebook Group - WI Librarians and Teachers Supporting Act 31 (American Indian Studies Statute) -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SupportingAct31>

Read Native 2021 - American Indian Library Association - https://ailanet.org/readnative21/?fbclid=IwAR2F-j0S51-2DKH1iUCkH-xbUlmIPt08WRyxp5gjOwjV-5Z_bW4vnS801g

Science - Life in Central Wisconsin

Plants

Ecology and conservation

Wild Ones - Prairie Restoration and Management; Paul Skawinski -

<https://wildonessw.wixsite.com/wildonessw/meetings-and-events>

Buena Vista marshes land management - last population of Prairie Chickens -

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/index.asp?SNA=85>

Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education - <https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/wcee/Pages/default.aspx>

Kate Flick - kflick@uwsp.edu - Sustainable Forestry Outreach Specialist Jenny Christopher -

jenny.christopher@uwsp.edu - Communication Coordinator

Eric Anderson

Susan Schulfer - Recycling Connections - <https://www.recyclingconnections.org/>; Susan@recyclingconnections.org -

Development, Education, and Outreach Coordinator

5. BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from December 2, 2020

It was moved and seconded (Rice, J, Winn) to approve the Minutes from December 2, 2020. Motion passed 6-yes, 0-no.

B. Governance Crew Treasurer's Report - tabled to next meeting

C. Governance Crew Membership

Bill Koepke nomination to Governance Crew

It was moved and seconded (Munson, Lechner) to approve the nomination of William Koepke to Governance Crew. Motion passed 6-yes, 0-no.

Alicia Razvi replacement

Dan reached out to a current parent who responded inability to serve at this time. Dan has another parent to connect with tomorrow.

D. Point of Discovery School Budget Report

Shared via email

E. Report from Lead Teacher

Semester 1 winding down. Celebration of Learning for 6-8 will be different; each student will create a video highlighting elements they have learned with individual videos being edited into one piece.

Some students are at risk of being credit deficient.

School is open on Wednesdays for students who are failing a course to offer space to work; students are using the opportunity. Suggestion/request to open space to other students as well.

F. Report from Administrative Liaison

Drafted memo to expand to 11th grade with positive feedback to move forward. Going to Board of Education on Monday, January 11 as a MOU for 2021-2022. Jen, Dan, and Connie are meeting to write an expansion grant.

6. GOALS 2020-2021

A. GRADE EXPANSION

11th grade planning session scheduled for Wed Jan 13

Need to start developing concrete ideas

B. MARKETING

Met end of December and discussed timing for marketing. Group will revisit the marketing plan that was in play before COVID hit after Board of Education meeting and grade expansion. Dan will schedule meeting.

Students in 6-8 will be creating video that could potentially be used in marketing.

C. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDS PLAN

Potential for prairie building

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Governance Crew February 3, 2021 6 p.m.
- B. Governance Crew March 3, 2021 6 p.m.
- C. Governance Crew April 7, 2021 6 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded (Gerbode, Rice J) to adjourn at 7:17 pm.

Jen Zach, Governance Crew President

Cari Winn, Governance Crew Vice-president
