

**MEETING OF
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE CREW
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☒ Dan Lathrop
(non-voting)

☒ Alicia Razvi

☒ Carie Winn

☒ Anika Herheim

☒ Jeff Rice

☒ Jen Zach

☐ Christine Munson

☒ Terry Rothmann

☒ Connie Negaard
(non-voting)

☐ Jeremy Solin

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made to approve minutes by Terry Rothman

Second by Carie Winn

Motion passes

4. BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Governance Crew Membership

B. Minutes from December 5, 2018

Motion was made to approve minutes by Jeff Rice

Second by Terry Rothman

Motion passes

C. Treasurers Report

Terry- no treasures report will share two at February meeting. Comment regarding fiscal intelligence surrounding Devil's Lake expenditure.

D. Report from Lead Teacher

i. Exploration Expedition

a. Due to difficulty in making all the classes work for student schedules +

b. Teachers choosing to keep grades 6-7, 8-9 together = the second semester will look differently than it was presented in the December brainstorming meeting. Course descriptions will become a hybrid mash-up of the ideas allowing students to choose the project that works best for them. Next semester will provide 3 project choices:

i. Genealogy

ii. Guidebook for future explorers

iii. This American Life- modeled after the National EL convention project- Faces of America

c. Beginning of the year field work- can PoDS start school with fieldwork on August 27-29 (Tuesday thru Thursday before Labor Day) and then trade out the days the staff was around early for the National Convention days? Is flexibility of the school calendar in the contract? This eliminates the need to plan for and pay substitute teachers for the days that the whole staff is out of state for the convention.

E. Report from Administrative Liaison

i. Grant Expenditures have not changed much.

ii. Professional Development must require an itemized receipt

iii. Adventure Ed is looking to expand the non-consumable supplies at the school. This includes- climbing wall, snowshoes, and other outdoor athletic equipment.

iv. Cathy Barbier has submitted an outdoor gear wish list- backpacks, bikes with shifting gears, tire pumps, inner tubes, racks and locks, low ropes course

a. Regarding low ropes and bikes- questions were raised of being able to sustain and maintain these projects.

- b. Other professional development ideas: lifeguarding and cpr, wilderness, first aid and Knowles Outdoor Educator staff training
- F. Marketing Ideas for 2019-2020 school year
 - i. Dan will be visiting the elementary schools and generally have tables out to talk at parent teacher conferences. An effort to visit private schools was discussed.
 - ii. Suggestions for advertisement:
 - a. Billboards
 - b. Professional video
 - c. Post card sent to all 5th graders
 - i. JHL direct mail marketing may have a list with this demographic
 - ii. Sarah O'Donnell can help with online marketing and so much more of this effort.
 - iii. In regard to online marketing- Thousand Lumine was mentioned at being very effective.
 - 1. Facebook's largest user demographic is people aged as parents of middle schoolers.
 - iv. Slice Days will be starting in the spring
 - v. An effort to bus in 5th and 6th graders from district to PoDS and allow the students to show the younger perspective students how they learn.
 - vi. 9th grade transition:
 - 1. Counselor meeting Jan.4, 2019
 - 2. Mentorship for incoming 10th graders and staff at SPASH
 - 3. Effort will be made to put PoDS kids together in pairs in advisory

5. GRANT UPDATE

- A. See Connie's update

6. FUNDRAISING

- A. Plates for PoDS
 - B. Looking for a chef
- B. Monster Dash
 - B. Saturday Oct. 19

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Governance Crew February 6, 2019
- B. Governance Crew March 6, 2019

8. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Moved to Adjourn- Terry Rothman**
Second by Jeff Rice
Meeting Adjourns 7:38 pm

TO: Stevens Point Journal, Portage County Gazette, Stevens Point City Times, WPCN, WYTE, WIZD, Portage County Public Libraries in Stevens Point and Plover, and District Schools

BY: Jen Zach, Governance Crew President

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