

**POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE CREW
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
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1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by J Solin at 6:02 pm

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☒ Ray Ackerlund	☒ Dan Lathrop	☒ Christine Munson	☒ Connie Negaard (non-voting)
☐ Alicia Razvi	☒ Terry Rothmann	☒ Jeremy Solin	☐
☒ Brad Van Den Elzen	☐ Jen Zach		

Terry Rothmann left meeting at 6:06 pm.

Guests:

Christopher Heitz

Cathy Barbier

Katie Kollock

Cameryn Ehlers

Joseph Vinopal

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Ackerlund, Van Den Elzen) to approve the agenda as printed. Motion passed, 6-yes; 0-no

4. PoDS STAFF DISCUSSION OF FALL EXPEDITION

Grades 6/7: Live Long and Prosper

Literacy and Social Studies – Rise, thrive, and fall; looking at 3 empires. Looking at mythology. Final product is writing/performing 3 act plays. Seeking input on Theatre; UWSP Theatre Dept, Ray has contact at Skyward, Chris has contact w/ her mom. Venue could be Ben Franklin. Jeremy recommended adding resilience into the empire discussion. Request for people to help with costumes.

Science – Applying physical science principals for empires; Newtons 3 laws; Waves; Simple Machines; Space and scale. Request for lumber.

Math – Pre-Algebra focus; ratios and proportions, number systems

Grades 8/9: Revolutions

American, French, and Russian Revolutions

Literacy and Social Studies - Reading Animal Farm, Declaration of Independence and other founding documents, create podcasts on hidden figures of revolutions. Connie recommended reading Rip Van Winkle for insight of before/after revolution.

Math – Differentiated teaching

Science – Technological advancements through physics and chemistry. Look at laws of thermodynamics for ties between energies.

Students will create roller coasters; Nate Olsen recommended as contact.

5. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from June 7, 2017 and July 5, 2017

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Ackerlund) to approve the Governance Crew Minutes from June 7, 2017 with correction of name spelling, and July 5, 2017. Motion passed, 6-yes; 0-no

B. Treasurers Report

\$6120.13

Payment of \$2256.05 made to Voyager; Lions Camp upcoming (~\$5600.00)

C. Report from Lead Teacher

See discussion on fall expedition and beginning of year fieldwork.

- D. Report from Administrative Liaison
10 PoDS students are using elective options at Ben Franklin. Bussing working out. Art and Spanish are most popular. In 2018-2019 there may be enough students to offer electives at PoDS.
100 students; 1 staff member added. Overall ratio is 19:1. Additional office help; 3 hour EA position. Music filled with retired teacher for 1st quarter.
- E. Fundraising: Plates for PoDS and Midnight Monster Dash October 28, 2017
Plates for PoDS; will know by end of September if he will be able to run it again
Monster Dash; strong support from parents
- F. Beginning Year Fieldwork 2017
6th/7th attended at Lions Camp. Weather was cold. Solid experience.
8th/9th outward bound expedition in Mnpls. Team building in a park. Navigation through the city w/ a map to get from 1 park to another. Repacked bags; navigation w/ public transportation; kids not told when meals were or where they were sleeping. Walked through neighborhoods and got to sleeping areas. Did service learning for non-profit gardens and provided meal at shelter; art museum; selected food for meal; Ft. Snelling sleep over. Very different from camp – rather a shared experience. Made connections that there are people who live daily not knowing where meals come from or where they are sleeping.

6. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

- A. Governance Crew Membership
One vacancy. Seeking a parent to fill spot.
- B. Governance Crew Goals for 2017-2018
Reframe goals and possibly meetings to organize 3 charges: Support students (fieldwork), Support teachers (professional development), Community (integrating community into school).

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- i. Midnight Monster Dash September 27, 2017 at 5 pm
- ii. Governance Crew October 4, 2017
- iii. Midnight Monster Dash October 28, 2017 at 5 pm
- iv. Governance Crew November 1, 2017

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded (Van Den Elzen, Ackerlund) to adjourned at 6:55 pm. Motion passed, 5-yes; 0-no.

JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT

JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

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