POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
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1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

_X_ Ray Ackerlund	_X_ Dan Lathrop	_X_ Christine Munson	_X_ Connie Negaard (non-voting)
_X_ Terry Rothmann	_X_ Jeremy Solin	_X_ Tim Thompson	_X_ Brad Van Den Elzen
_X_ Jen Zach	___		

Excused:

Guests: Andrew Halverson

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Solin) to approve the agenda with change to address 5A. and 5B. to top of agenda.
Motion carried by voice vote 8–yes 0-no.

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from June 1, 2016 and June 15, 2016

It was moved and seconded (Halvorson, Thompson) to approve mintues from June 1, 2016 as printed and June 15, 2016 with correction to remove duplicative posting of Terry Rothmann as "Excused".

B. Treasurers Report
Balance as of 7-6-16 is $11,459.93

Matching grant met for $5000; individual contributions; spaghetti dinner.

C. Report from Lead Teacher
Year 1 Summary
Hand-out with guiding questions, fieldwork/experts, final product of the 2015-2016 expeditions; Data summary for reading, writing, and math; Look ahead to 2016-2017 – representation from each elementary school, return rate, even Ben/PJ split, and newly enrolled to SP School District; New hires; Upcoming expeditions
Big Picture Goals
Hand-out of PoDS Performance Benchmarks
4 Year Goal to be fully credentialed as an EL school
Goals are broken into 3 areas – Master of Knowledge and Skills, Student Character and Engagement, and High-Quality Student Work; Baseline year 0 is 2015-2016; Goal at end of Year 4 is to outperform district and state
After baseline year PoDS's implementation score was 70; exceeded EL year 2 benchmark of 66.
Work Plan for 2016-2017
Hand-out PoDS School Work Plan 2016-2017

Professional Development started in June for Cathy, Cameryn, and Christian. Additional EL PD takes place in August. Week 3 in August is for new teacher trainings by district

Goal for Dan to establish a mechanism to track graduates; potential to mentor once student moves on.

Dan wants to run 2 PoDSCasts; one student led and one by Dan on education.

D. Report from Administrative Liaison
Connie Negaard is Administrative Liaison with district as Interim Secondary Director. Connie will work closely with Dan. Also looking at transition plan for 8th grade students moving to 9th grade. Potentially look at what it looks like to add 9th grade as initial contract sunsets. Craig Gerlach is new Superintendent for Stevens Point Area School District.

E. Subcommittee Reports

i. Grants/Fund raising
$5000 grant from Community Foundation; reminder to reapply for Community Foundation grant for upcoming cycle

Taking information from year-end summary to use in funding proposals to local businesses

Idea to have an auction of donated items from businesses – coupled with gala event

ii. Marketing/Recruiting
No report

iii. Community Outreach
Plan activities/events in August for the next year

Dan is seeking volunteers for electives; do have coding, creative writing, physics in everyday life. Looking for 50 min/week with one semester commitment; any day of the week. Tap into students in School of Ed and RSVP program.

F. Enrollment and Application 2016
PoDS is at capacity with 100; 3 on waitlist; approved by District to go to 105.
Open House is tentative for Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 6 or 7 pm

G. Fieldwork Update
Voyager is on hold due to staffing issues and funding; working on getting return on down-payment or use toward future event. All students will attend Lions Camp for Sept 7-9, 2016.

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Governance Board membership – Slate of Candidates

PoDS Governance Board has transitioned to first year of operation with members serving 1, 2 or 3 years.
The Slate of Candidates for the 2016-2017 Point of Discovery School Governance Board:

Ray Ackerlund – 3 years
Dan Lathrop – 2 years
Andrew Halverson – 3 years
Christine Munson – 2 years
Terry Rothmann – 1 year
Jeremy Solin – 3 years
Tim Thompson – 1year
Brad Van Den Elzen – 1 year
Jen Zach – 2 years

Years refer to the number of years remaining on the board.

It was moved and seconded (Van Den Elzen, Ackerlund) to accept the slate of candidates for PoDS Governance Board.

Motion carried by voice vote 8-yes, 0-no.

B. Officers for Point of Discovery School Governance Board

Jen Zach nominated for President (Ackerlund, Rothmann).
Motion carried by secret ballot; Jen Zach abstained.

Jeremy Solin nominated for Vice-President (Van Den Elzen, Ackerlund).
Motion carried by secret ballot; Jeremy Solin abstained.

Terry Rothmann nominated for Treasurer (Ackerlund, Solin).
Motion carried by secret ballot; Terry Rothmann abstained.

Chris Munson nominated for Secretary (Van Den Elzen, Rothmann).
Motion carried by secret ballot; Chris Munson abstained.

C. Science Teacher Position – Recommendation for Employment

It was moved and seconded (Halverson, Rothmann) to recommend Samuel Eddy for hire of science teacher position to Stevens Point Board of Education dependent upon reference checks.
Motion carried by voice vote 9-yes 0-no.

It was moved and seconded (Thompson, Rothmann) to recommend Joseph Vinopal for hire of science teacher position to Stevens Point Board of Education in the event the first candidate declines depended upon reference checks.
Motion carried by voice vote 9-yes 0-no.

D. October 5K subcommittee formation
Public Protection Committee letter requesting permission to run 5K event dropped off 7-6-16; Stevens Point Police is notified. Proposal is for a midnight run on October 22; tentative route includes the square and Green Circle.

Subcommittee will work with ParentCrew; finding sponsors, marketing, planning the night. Dan, Jen, Chris, Brad, Ray; Dan will reach out to parent.

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

i. Wednesday, August 3, 2016
ii. Wednesday, September 7, 2016 (Held at Lions Camp)

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded (Solin, Rothmann) to approve the agenda.
Motion carried by voice vote 9–yes 0-no.

JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT

JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

DATE