

POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
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

☒ Ray Ackerlund	☒ Dan Lathrop	☒ Christine Munson	☒ Connie Negaard (non-voting)
☒ Terry Rothmann	☒ Jeremy Solin	☒ Tim Thompson	☒ Brad Van Den Elzen
☒ 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 (Halverson, Thompson) to approve minutes 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 – 1 year

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 dependent 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

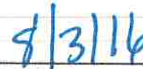
- i. Wednesday, August 3, 2016
- ii. Wednesday, September 7, 2016 (Held at Lions Camp)

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

POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016, 1:00 p.m.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Special Meeting Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☒ Ray Ackerlund	☒ Dan Lathrop	☒ Christine Munson	☒ Terry Rothmann
☐ Jeremy Solin	☐ Tim Thompson	☒ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach

Excused: Jeremy Solin, Tim Thompson

Guests: Cameryn Ehlers, Cather Barbier

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Ackerlund) to approve the agenda.
Motion carried by voice vote 6-yes 0-no.

4. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved and seconded (Van Den Elzen, Ackerlund) to go into closed session.
Motion carried by voice vote 6-yes 0-no.

5. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (ACTION AS APPROPRIATE OR ADJOURN)

It was moved and seconded (Van Den Elzen, Rothmann) to reconvene into open session.
Motion carried by voice vote 6-yes 0-no

6. ADJOURNMENT

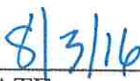
At 4:50 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Van Den Elzen) to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote 6-yes, 0-no



JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT



JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT



DATE

**POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
1900 POLK ST, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☒ Ray Ackerlund	☐ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☐ Soua Cheng	☒ Dan Lathrop
☒ Christine Munson	☒ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☐ Terry Rothmann	☐ Jeremy Solin
☒ Tim Thompson	☐ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach	

Excused: Terry Rothmann, Brad Van Den Elzen, Jeremy Solin, Soua Cheng, ~~Terry Rothmann~~, Kehl Arnson

Guests: Sarah O'Donnell

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**It was moved and seconded (Thompson, Ackerlund) to approve the agenda.
Motion carried by voice vote 5–yes 0–no.**

4. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

- A. Fundraising for Field work and EL MOU - \$42,000
 - Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner brought in approximately \$2300
 - Summary of Field Work Stock letter campaign
 - i. Race/Midnight Run
 - a. John Jury invited to meeting; out of town but it in support of midnight run
 - b. SP Visitor Convention Bureau to avoid already scheduled races
 - c. Tentative Saturday, October 22nd
 - d. Haunted House held prior w/ younger kid, Family Activities
 - e. Start and end at PoDS – 5K and 1 mi
 - f. Jen – Permits; call Stevens Point Police; Public Protection Committee; Watch video of prior requests
 - g. Sponsors – set up levels for logo; dollars; food; timing
 - i. In Kind – food, beverage, pumpkin (Altenburg) painting (UWSP and MidState ECE), awards for top finishers, awards for best costume
 - ii. Logos on t-shirts (\$250)
 - iii. Names on t-shirts (\$50-\$249)
 - iv. Flyers (under \$50)
 - h. Advertising – create event and registration (check with Washington on how to register for Tiger Trek);
 - i. Registration - [Active.com](#), [GetMeRegistered.com](#), [Eventbrite](#)
 - j. Fee – 5K \$30; 1Mi \$10
 - k. District Wellness fund can reimburse district employees
 - ii. Latex Paint Collection – Upcycling

- iii. a. Connie will research companies that would come to SP for paint recycling
Additional Ideas
- a. Dead of Winter – Family events; Superbowl Saturday

5. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- i. Wednesday, July 6, 2016
- ii. Wednesday, August 3, 2016

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Lathrop, Ackerlund) to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote 5-yes, 0-no



JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT



JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

7-6-16

DATE

**POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:03 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☐ Ray Ackerlund	☐ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☒ Soua Cheng	☒ Dan Lathrop
☒ Christine Munson	☐ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☒ Terry Rothmann	☒ Jeremy Solin
☒ Tim Thompson	☒ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach	

Excused: Connie Negaard, Ray Ackerlund

Guests:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**It was moved and seconded (Van Den Elzen, Lathrop) to approve the agenda.
Motion carried by voice vote 8–yes 0–no.**

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from May 4, 2016

**It was moved and seconded (Cheng, Solin) to approve the minutes from May 4, 2016.
Motion carried by voice vote 8–yes 0–no.**

B. Treasurers Report
\$906.99

C. Report from Lead Teacher

Final Celebration of Learning held 5-25-16. Students reflected on how they grew as a student as a person over the year.

Family Crew is hosting a spaghetti dinner and silent auction on 6-2-16.

4 core teachers for fall 2016; goal is to keep class sizes around 20. Every student will have 5 period rotation (1 for each of the 4 classes and one elective). Sky is the limit in terms of electives. Seeking 50 min per week; max class size is 20; can meet around learning commons with Dan coming through as well. Consider Life program members and Volunteer Grandparent Group.

Expeditions Projects – Celebrations of Learning; Community Engagement/Impact (Alt Energy -> Present at Energy Fair).

Report of Implementation Review from EL will be available later in June.

July Report – Year End Summary and looking into Year 2.

PoDS students won the Spirit Jug for 2016 5th/6th Grade Track Meet.

D. Report from Administrative Liaison

Unofficial Staffing for PoDS – Double PE time for year 2; Music may increase; 0.25 Art Teacher

E. Subcommittee Reports

- i. Grants/Fundraising
- ii. Marketing/Recruiting
- iii. Community Outreach

PoDS is presenting at June 13 BOE meeting

F. Enrollment and Application 2016

98 students enrolled and accepted for Fall 2016

2 students enrolled from out of district that are going to enroll after July 1, 2016

1 student on waiting list

G. Governance Board Membership

Board has connected with Andrew Halverson and is providing additional information on EL and PoDS prior to making decision to serve on board.

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Field work

Dan contacted Lions Camp and requested dates; awaiting confirmation

B. Fundraising for Field work and EL MOU

Students are selling field work stock

Family Crew

Organized spaghetti dinner

Desire to have 2 large fundraisers per year

Midnight Run; Loop around the lake; other ideas

Create sub group to include interested from PoDS Governance & Parent Crew, Scott Gralla, and John Jury to meet June 15, 2016 at 6 pm

\$32,000 to do EL contract (\$4,500 in credit from 2015/2016); \$27,500 for 2016/2017

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

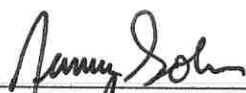
- i. Wednesday, July 6, 2016
- ii. Wednesday, August 3, 2016

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:00 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Cheng, Rothmann) to adjourn the meeting.

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


JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT


JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

6-15-16
DATE

**POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
SKYWARD WORLD HEADQUARTERS,
2601 SKYWARD DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:04 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☒ Ray Ackerlund	☐ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☒ Soua Cheng	☒ Dan Lathrop
☒ Christine Munson	☐ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☐ Terry Rothmann	☒ Jeremy Solin
☒ Tim Thompson	☐ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach	

Jeremy Solin arrived at 6:50 pm

Dan Lathrop left at 7:18 pm

Excused: Terry Rothmann, Brad Van Den Elzen, Connie Negaard

Guests: John Zach

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**It was moved and seconded (Ackerlund, Thompson) to approve the agenda.
Motion carried by voice vote 6-yes 0-no.**

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from April 6, 2016

**It was moved and seconded (Cheng, Lathrop) to approve the minutes from April 6, 2016.
Motion carried by voice vote 6-yes 0-no.**

B. Treasurers Report
\$6.99

C. Report from Lead Teacher

Jen, Tim, Marti, Sharon, and Dan traveled to AVW on April 25. Tim reported: Well established EL school; own school district with own superintendent, principal, and school board; tour led by students; values of school present and strong; saw 6th/8th grade classrooms for literacy, science, and math; one teacher nominated for teacher of the year award; full time teachers is 41 – support staff is 30; the I Can't Room and the I Won't Room; humbling to see where PoDS is at. Jen reported: AVW has gone through struggles; good leadership helped school make incredible strides in short period of time. Dan reported: there is a feeling when walking into a strong EL school; having effective EL-invested teachers makes huge difference.

Tuesday, May 10, 7 pm - All new families meeting at PoDS

Thursday, May 26, 5 pm to 7 pm – Celebration of Learning. All of Farm Shed Atlas group being invited to partner with celebration.

In planning – Community Run, Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, and Rummage Sale

Voyager – Students writing letters to sell Field Work Stock; make donation toward activities; student goal is to raise \$450; Field Owners Stock Meeting and Dinner. Students sending to family members; reach out to community organizations, governance board, and school board.

PoDS discussion on mascots – 9 entries; narrowed down to 3

- D. Report from Administrative Liaison
New Superintendent starting July 1, 2016

E. Subcommittee Reports

- i. Grants/Fundraising
Field Stock campaign

- ii. Marketing/Recruiting

- iii. Community Outreach
Dan, Jen, and 3 students attended Rotary Club. Work needed within school district; reach out to new superintendent – Jen will write a letter to introduce and provide data to support. Letter needs to go to new school boards members. Dan is creating a year-end wrap up for current and new superintendent and board. Asking parents and children speaking at School Board meetings during public comment period. Write letters to the editor for Stevens Point Journal and City Times.

- F. Enrollment and Application 2016
49 students for 2016/2017
Coordinate marketing push with Sarah O'Donnell noting there are a few spots available
Check with Lisa on list of parents/students interested in PoDS for upcoming year

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Governance Board Membership

Soua is not interested in running again; Jeremy and Ray indicated interest in running for another term
Consider asking PoDS staff member on board; community business member
Section 1 Article 4 – Governance board can include parents, guardians, community professionals, professionals outside community, PoDS staff

B. Staff Hiring Recommendations from Interview Team

Six candidates interviewed; three recommended by Interview Team: Cameryn Ehlers for math; Cathy Barbier for literacy; and Christopher Heitz for science.

It was moved and seconded (Solin, Munson) to approve the staff hiring recommendations from Interview Team to be forwarded to board of education for consideration at the May 9th regular school board meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.

C. EL MOU 2016-2017

Funding for contract not in place at this time. Without contract, professional development materials, tours, and site visits would not happen. Mia is contracted through June 30, 2016.

D. Tour of Skyward World Headquarters

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- i. Wednesday, June 1, 2016
- ii. Wednesday, July 6, 2016

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Cheng, Thompson) to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote 6-yes, 0-no



JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT



JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT



DATE

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:02 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☒ Ray Ackerlund	☒ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☒ Soua Cheng	☒ Dan Lathrop
☒ Christine Munson	☒ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☒ Terry Rothmann	☒ Jeremy Solin
☒ Tim Thompson	☒ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach	

Excused:

Guests: Greg Wright, Brian Casey

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from February 3, 2016 and March 9, 2016

It was moved and seconded (Ackerlund, Solin) to approve the minutes from February 3, 2016 and March 9, 2016.

Motion carried by voice vote 9–yes 0–no.

B. Treasurers Report
\$1306.99

C. Report from Lead Teacher

Field trips taking place; students will start rotating weekly to Farmshed
Parent meeting of 20 families met with Voyager; many parents able to pay for
Student-led conferences in session
Planning site visit to AVW on Monday, April 20; leave PoDS at 6:30 am; leave AVW around noon to head back to PoDS
Celebration of Learning for 3rd expedition; Christian was going to be chef for community meal until size became too large; change to chili cook-off; people vote for favorite chili with donations; planning for silent auction. Thursday, May 26, 2016; 5 pm to 7 pm.
Family Crew co-presidents want to sponsor a color run; planning for fall
Family Crew planning community rummage sale
Need to gather for Governance Board photo

D. Report from Administrative Liaison

New superintendent for Stevens Point school district names – Craig Gerlach
PoDS is in Charter School Yearbook, p. 86
Secondary schools starting to post positions

E. Subcommittee Reports

- i. Grants/Fundraising
Two potential grants; Tosa Foundation (\$100,000+) and American Honda
Met with Jim Wyson at Sentry; expecting response in mid-April re: possible funding;
recommended to talk with Delta Dental and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Delta is shifting to oral health/dentistry; denied funding currently
Bill & Melinda Gates; directed to other locations; will not fund for professional
development for EL
Message sent to Carol Okray/Okroy Foundation for assistance with initial fieldwork;
waiting to hear back
PoDS has \$4500 credit with EL; can be used toward the 2016-2017 agreement
Terry will talk with Dave Worth/Worth Company; may assist with makerspace
- ii. Marketing/Recruiting
- iii. Community Outreach
Getting word out regarding PoDS
Presentation for Lions
Life Group – Offer another tour
Al Marten with Rotary

F. Enrollment and Application 2016

46 applicants – 12 out of district/48 current (couple will not return) – 10 to 15 spots open for 2016-2017
Starting to set up IEP meetings
Consider Open House in June
Send invitation to incoming families and friend to attend celebration of learning
Set up table at Farmers Market
Possible presence at [Energy Fair](#)

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Learning Commons – Collaborative – Creative/Maker Space (Greg Wright and Brian Casey will join us)

PoDS Staff Priorities:

Focusing on collaborative furniture; multiple types – watch [UWSP University Surplus](#)

Tech priorities – computers w/ software for 3D printer

Low-tech thoughts; add door from art room to creative learning commons

PD training dollars

Sustainable/recycled-content tile - [Flor](#)

Brian Casey

Maker Space potential at PoDS is great

Collaborative furniture; grant proposal from fed govt will help design maker space

Camera

Training on 3d Printer

Include funding for professional development to use technology

Space does not have to be high-tech; work space is as important

Connection to curriculum

Training for maker spaces is possible; Brian can help coordinate

Develop a floor plan

[Wisconsin Technology Initiative](#) – ending grants; maintain small projects

Greg Wright

[Arts Alliance of Portage County](#); focus on creativity; creative community development; creative entrepreneurs

Looking at Makerspace/Hackerspace
Central WI is largest IT growth in WI
[Raspberry Pi](#) – work with coding
Media Lab; podcasting, film editing, marketing, digital storytelling
[Bucketworks](#) part of [Space Federation](#) (Milwaukee) – school based makerspace
ID community organizations who want skills introduced to youth
Working on Idea Center – coordinating efforts between PoDS and Arts Alliance as makerspaces are complimentary
Starting with co-working space
[Fab Lab](#) – MIT; first makerspace

B. Staff Hiring 2016-2017

Three teachers interested to work at PoDS; one attended an information night – certified SPED and master's in literacy; another is 6-12 math certified; third is pursuing a general licensure – currently social studies.

Consider inviting interested teachers to AVW visit.

HR has them; Math, Science, and Literacy will be posted; unsure of separate SPED position; Positions not yet posted.

Electives – Art; Music, and PE (0.2 to 0.3)

Governance Board Terms

1 Year – Ray Ackerlund, Soua Cheng, Jeremy Solin

2 Year – Terry Rothmann, Brad Van Den Elzen, Tim Thompson

3 Year – Dan Lathrop, Chris Munson, Jen Zach

No term limits; no more 1/2/3 year terms – will roll into 3 year terms

May meeting needs to discuss upcoming openings; Slate of members introduced in June; Voting in July.

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- i. Wednesday, May 4, 2016
- ii. Wednesday, June 1, 2016

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:42 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Solon, Lathrop) to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote 9-yes, 0-no



JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT



JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

5-4-16

DATE

POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:06 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☐ Ray Ackerlund	☐ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☒ Soua Cheng	☒ Dan Lathrop
☒ Christine Munson	☐ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☒ Terry Rothmann	☒ Jeremy Solin
☒ Tim Thompson	☒ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach	

Excused: Ray Ackerlund

Guests:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Thompson) to approve the agenda.
Motion carried by voice vote 8–yes 0–no.

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from February 3, 2016 – Tabled to April meeting

B. Treasurers Report
\$1306.99

C. Report from Lead Teacher

Feb. 23 was Celebration of Learning; positive feedback

3rd and final expedition on sustainable food systems

Celebration is tentatively set for Monday, May 23

Spoke to Kiwinas Club; people interested in volunteering

Visited all schools and staff of district elementary schools; informational meetings; SLICE day held March 7th; approximately 50% enrolled; 3 enrolled that evening; 2 additional interested in shadowing class.

Current family conversations – a 6th grader is going to Jr High for 7th grade; another question is what is transition like going back to other school – Thinking about how to retain and help transition. Ideas: contact former students from AVW who transitioned to high school; get video feedback; offer elective opportunities – Drama, Destination Imagination, Coding are present; would like language, school newspaper, etc – will survey students on interests.

Staffing meeting scheduled March 16

Recommendation to add QR Codes on literature

D. Report from Administrative Liaison

E. Subcommittee Reports

i. Grants/Fundraising

Connie has shared core to grant proposal sent to Mia
Worked with senior exec at Sentry who also manages the foundation; discussed loss of state funding and its impact on professional development; requested \$40,000/year for next 3 years. Recommended Bill & Melinda Gates re: teacher training; revisit notes on grant. Also asked about Delta Dental and some other organizations for funding professional development.

Sarah O'Donnell created brochures to share with potential sponsors

Education Enrichment; grant proposals due early May. Foundation begins receiving grants July 1. PoDS needs to raise \$5000 for matching grant.

Jen and Dan met with Cathy Cooper of Family Crew to clarify roles of Governance Board and Family Crew fundraising. \$20,000 needed for field work to Voyager (\$450/student) – frame fundraising by participating in letter writing campaign to family and organizations; add line to assist through the Community Foundation; pool some funds for scholarship to offset families who cannot pay/raise funds. Rummage Sale – correspond with Celebration of Learning (either drop off or the sale). 5K Walk Run; recommended to connect with John Jury who assist with Walk Wisconsin. Idea for meal with Celebration of Learning. Fundraising already completed will go to Community Foundation and be applied to matching grant.

ii. Marketing/Recruiting

Brochure developed; 500-1000 brochures Spectra Print is creating free of charge to target future families; Lisa created posters to post around town.

Facebook and Twitter updated to reflect now is the time to apply; on Stevens Point School District's scrolling page; district staff and parents receive email alerts.

Send general enrollment information to Tomorrow River School to serve as pipeline.

Request to redirect old PoDS to district site until updated for new recruitments

iii. Community Outreach

Updated Google form; link will be shared

F. Enrollment and Application 2016

35 applicants; 12 from out of district – 3 home, 3 Amherst, 3 Rapids, 3 parochial; 24 6th; 11 7th, 15 boys; 20 girls; 4 have IEP; 8 have had IEP – 12 from out of district are unknown for IEP info.

Need 20 more applicants

Commentary includes size of school as a strength.

Post March 17 deadline, remove deadline; families who apply by March 17 have confirmed entrance if capacity is not reached due to meeting priority deadline.

G. Fieldwork Fall 2016

Family Crew interested in doing fund raising. Down-payment and notice of intent will be sent to Voyageur.

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Van Den Elzen) to allocate up to \$1300 as down payment on fall 2016 field work to Voyageur Outward Bound.

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

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- i. Wednesday, April 6, 2016
- ii. Wednesday, May 4, 2016

7. CLOSED SESSION

§19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction.

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Solin) to go into closed session.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-yes 0-no.

8. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (ACTION AS APPROPRIATE OR ADJOURN)

Immediately following the closed session, the Board will reconvene into open session; may take action, as appropriate; and to adjourn.

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Cheng) to go into ~~closed-session~~.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-yes 0-no. *open*

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:31 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Lathrop) to adjourn the meeting. 8-yes, 0-no


JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT


JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

4-6-16
DATE

POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☐ Ray Ackerlund	☒ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☐ Soua Cheng	☒ Dan Lathrop
☒ Christine Munson	☒ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☒ Terry Rothmann	☒ Jeremy Solin
☒ Tim Thompson	☒ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach	

Excused: Ray Ackerlund, Soua Cheng

Guests: Atilla Weninger

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Solin) to approve the agenda.
Motion carried by voice vote 7yes 0no.

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from January 5, 2016

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Lathrop) to approve the minutes from January 5, 2016.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.

B. Treasurers Report

C. Report from Lead Teacher

D. Report from Administrative Liaison

E. Subcommittee Reports

- i. Grants/Fundraising
- ii. Marketing/Recruiting
- iii. Community Outreach

F. Enrollment and Application 2016

G. Staff hiring 2016 – Updated job descriptions

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Fundraising for Beginning Year Field Work and EL Contract

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- i. Wednesday, March 2, 2016
- ii. Wednesday, April 6, 2016

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Van Den Elzen) to adjourn the meeting. 7-yes, 0-no



JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT



JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

3/9/16

DATE

**POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:12 p.m. on Tuesday, January 05, 2016.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☒ Ray Ackerlund	☐ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☐ Soua Cheng	☒ Dan Lathrop
☒ Christine Munson	☒ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☒ Terry Rothmann	☐ Jeremy Solin
☐ Tim Thompson	☐ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach	

Chris Munson connected via phone; arrived in person at 6:20 pm.

Excused:

Guests:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Lathrop) to approve the agenda.
Motion carried by voice vote 5-yes 0-no.**

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from December 16, 2015

**It was moved and seconded (Ackerlund, Lathrop) to approve the minutes with corrections from December 16, 2015
Motion carried by voice vote 5-yes 0-no.**

**B. Treasurers Report
Balance is \$1306.99**

**C. Report from Lead Teacher
Info night on 1-19-16
Slice Day on 1-25-16**

Lisa and Dan will develop newsletter and share with Sarah to distribute to district
Create information sheet for community members, internal district employees, parents, and media
Press release from Sarah/District with recap of successes and open application

Portage County Business Council could benefit from presentation by Lee from District; Jen will talk with Lee to follow up

Discussion on use of student photos in brochure; Dan will communicate with parents to explain brochure and ensure permission is granted. 3 students have opted out from use of photos

Ryan Maxwell will be at PoDS on Monday, February 8th for mid-year review

D. Report from Administrative Liaison

Staffing plan comes forward in January

PoDS is looking for 2 new core teachers (total of 4); potential increase in special (have .4 to .8); 1 new special ed

E. Subcommittee Reports

i. Grants/Fundraising

Focus on grants PoDS has opportunity to receive; matching grants

Kehl is looking through grants; Brad is collecting resumes from governance board;

Brad is writing cover letters of grants; Tim is create template materials; Connie is creating needs statements and where PoDS started to where it is now to where it wants to go.

High quality, intense field work

High quality technology

High quality professional development

Long term looking to reduce reliance on EL; can staff attend EL conferences/events w/o an EL contract? Jen will follow up with Ryan Maxwell

How many students have we brought back or new to district? What is the cost per pupil?

ii. Marketing/Recruiting

Brochure – Dan is going to provide photos of students with parent consent

iii. Community Outreach

Creating a survey for parents to determine networks, interests/expertise/hobbies; organization affiliations; employment

F. Enrollment and Application 2016

3 student applications received; 2 from out of district

G. Staff hiring 2016

Overall student body and overall FTE; Ben Franklin is roughly 14:1; PoDS would mirror that ratio – equity in staffing

Math and Science; good middle school teachers open to EL model

Sharon may continue with PoDS; Marti will continue with PoDS

Looking to post positions – can start with anticipated opening; Dan will talk to Kehl to determine HR processes and potential interviews

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

i. Wednesday, February 3, 2016

ii. Wednesday, March 2, 2016

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:17 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Ackerlund) to adjourn the meeting. 5-yes, 0-no


JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT


JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

2-3-16
DATE

**POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jeremy Solin called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☒ Ray Ackerlund	☐ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☒ Soua Cheng	☒ Dan Lathrop
☒ Christine Munson	☐ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☐ Terry Rothmann	☒ Jeremy Solin
☒ Tim Thompson	☒ Brad Van Den Elzen	☐ Jen Zach	

Excused: Mr. Terry Rothmann

Guests:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**It was moved and seconded (Ackerlund, Thompson) to approve the agenda with correction.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.**

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from December 2, 2015

It was moved and seconded (Van Den Elzen, Ackerlund) to approve the minutes with corrections from December 2, 2015

Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.

B. Enrollment and Application 2016

Memo from J Zach

Recommended to set open enrollment dates to January 1, 2016 to March 17, 2016; if still below target, PoDS can extend date as needed.

Recommended to send communication to parents

Principals meeting in January; Elementary schools; Slice Days; Open House; Celebration of Learning

It was moved and seconded (Ackerlund, Cheng) to accept the recommendation to set open enrollment dates starting January 1, 2016 through March 17, 2016 to the PoDS 2016-2017 academic year.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.

C. Governance Board Emails

District emails are established for PoDS

Added Governance Board emails to Google Shared drive

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- i. Wednesday, January 6, 2016
- ii. Wednesday, February 3, 2016

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:12 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Lathrop, Ackerlund) to adjourn the meeting.



JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT



JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

1-5-16
DATE

POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:03 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☐ Ray Ackerlund	☒ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☐ Soua Cheng	☒ Dan Lathrop
☒ Christine Munson	☐ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☒ Terry Rothmann	☒ Jeremy Solin
☒ Tim Thompson	☐ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach	

Excused: Mr. Brad Van Den Elzen, Mr. Soua Cheng, Mr. Ray Ackerlund

Guests:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Thompson) to approve the agenda with correction.

Motion carried by voice vote 6–yes 0–no.

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from November 10, 2015

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Solin) to approve the minutes with corrections from November 10, 2015

Motion carried by voice vote 6–yes 0–no.

B. Treasures Report

Balance as of: \$1356.99

C. Report from Lead Teacher

Celebration of Learning

Feedback: great attendance; approximately 200 attendees

Fieldwork/Expert Suggestions

One of four large areas: Maker Space, New Computer Programs, Media, Graphic Arts

IDEA8TE – Identify a problem; use technology to create a solution OR Identify an issue; use media campaign for solution

What is technology

What is innovation

What role does technology play in culture

Recommendation to connect with Sarah O'Donnell for press release

Slice Days

Monday, January 25th
Saturday, February 6th (corresponds with Boys and Girls Club Grand Opening)
Monday, March 7th

Staffing Process

Attempt to post positions ASAP (before Christmas); maximize professional development opportunities

Students presenting to School Board in January 2016

D. Report from Administration Liaison

School Board expecting payment returning to district of \$41,000 for EL contract

Lee Bush is going back to board and what official action was taken; board took action understanding the federal grant would not come through

Is it possible to allocate district professional development funds to PoDS

Tess O'Brien regarding waiting list/lottery; no issue doing it per grade level; recommended if we go back to board for an increase in enrollment to utilize a range

She affirmed children and siblings can be excluded from lottery; accept them first for open seats and move to lottery

Request from Jen to have legal language defined by District; Kehl noted this is common charter school language and State law

No restrictions based on PoDS contract

Lottery would be held after enrollment period ends (early May)

Remind board on cost per pupil and efficiency of PoDS

E. Subcommittee Reports

i. Grants/Fundraising

Arranged date for strategizing on December 11 from 1 pm to 3 pm @ Ben Franklin

Met with Patty Drier who shared information on writing grants; connect grants to larger issues; include consistent story of school; break down big requests to smaller pieces; identified UWSP staff who works with grants at the university who can be a resource

ii. Marketing/Recruiting

Met on December 19; looked at prior work

Ray is updating information sheet and brochure

Public Events to share information; building list

Utilize Celebration of Learning for recruitment and information on PoDS (Tentative February 23rd)

Leadership Team Meeting - Dan invited; January 13 9:30-11:30

Principals Meeting - January 13 1:00-3:30

Open House at PoDS - Planned and publicized during normal school day; Sarah O'Donnell can help advertise to families of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders

Anticipating invite to elementary schools

Communication to Woodlands

iii. Community Outreach

Met on November 30; reviewed brainstorming from vision session

Recognized connections with other sub-committees - how do we connect, communicate

Three areas - general community outreach, volunteer/engagement opportunities, sustained support database

Discussed how to prioritize

Create survey/questionnaire for parents of students and governance board members to help identify networks

Marketing is focused on student recruitment; community outreach is getting information about the school out

Jen has list of community organizations to share

Jerry and Amy Gargulak and willing to help coordinate with community outreach

How to communicate between sub-committees

F. Enrollment and Application 2016

February 1 to April 29, 2016 is enrollment period

Working with Barb Rousch to streamline enrollment process

G. Staff hiring 2016

Goal of 105 students and what is reasonable (<20 if new program; advanced classes); representing teacher schedules to compare work load to other teachers; subject teachers for math and science – position descriptions to Gov Board in January and timeline of dates; special education need; full-time EA

Currently no planning period for teachers

Defining Dan's role as teacher, lead, and professional development

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Renaming Governance Board – No action

Name change proposed to Governance Crew; official change would have to go to School Board

B. Beginning Year Field work for 2016

Contact with Voyageur in Twin Cities

Estimated \$112 per person per day – 4 day for 48 continuing students is ~\$20,000

Transportation

Parent group ready to fundraise

Urban Ecology Center in Milwaukee is another possibility

\$5000 matching grant – need to raise \$5000 – perfect opportunity to search for grants

New students attend Lions Camp - \$4000

It was moved and seconded (Solin, Lathrop) to support fall 2016 field work for continuing and incoming students with a commitment to fundraising.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-yes 0-no.

C. Governance Board Communication

Jen will work with Kehl to request district email addresses for Governance Board members

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- i. Wednesday, January 6, 2016

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:49 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Lathrop, Rothmann) to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-yes 0-no.



JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT



JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

12-16-15

POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:10 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☒ Ray Ackerlund	☒ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☒ Soua Cheng	☒ Dan Lathrop
☒ Christine Munson	☐ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☒ Terry Rothmann	☐ Jeremy Solin
☒ Tim Thompson	☐ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach	

Excused: Mr. Brad Van Den Elzen, Mr. Jeremy Solin

Guests: PoDS Crew Council; PoDS Family Crew Co-Presidents

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Lathrop) to approve the agenda with correction.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from October 7, 2015

It was moved and seconded (Ackerlund, Cheng) to approve the minutes with corrections from October 7, 2015.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.

B. Treasures Report

Balance as of: \$1356.99

C. Report from Lead Teacher

Crew Council

Governance Board introduced themselves to Crew

Grace, 6th, Grade President

Kade, 6th, VP

Lily, 6th, PR

Kaitlyn 7th, Secretary

Bailey 6th, PR

Anika 6th, Treasurer

Celebration Preparation: Students working hard on presentations; portrait of community members; writing newspaper piece on historical community member; expectations for first celebration; challenging to take real life to presentation

Students shared their definition of Celebration of Learning

Family Crew – Co-Presidents

Cathy Cooper; 7th grader

Marie Stuter, 6th grader

Governance Board introduces self to Co-Presidents

Discussed coordination of fundraising activities between Parent Crew and Governance Board

Celebration of Learning – Post as Public Meeting

Thursday, November 19th

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

2nd Expedition

ID8

Technology focused; ID problem within community and develop technology solution OR issue to use technology to raise awareness

Builder

Hacker Space

Media

Graphic Arts

Solid connections for graphic design; some with media; need more for marketing

Arts Alliance starting idea center; that will be kick off

Skyward has full studio

Student Led Conferences

96% Attendance Rate

Positive parent survey feedback

Tony Evers visited PoDS and PDC

LIFE Group Visit; site visit during school day

Students were incredibly confident

D. Report from Administration Liaison

Web site for district getting closer for new product

Draft annual calendar went to board

175 contact days for 2016-2017

RTI support at secondary level; proposed stipend position to coordinate intervention events w/ reading, writing, and mathematics. PoDS may need something similar. PoDS should be screening students in reading and mathematics; PoDS did do screening for all 3 areas (3x/yr); may lead to research based interventions; Sharon also meeting with students ID for interventions along with IEPs. From screens, especially reading – many off the charts advanced and providing additional pieces.

Early childhood students and trailer; now have 6 ECE students into district; continue for 2016-2017

E. Grants/Fundraising

Follow up from Goal Setting – Determine Chair and Recorder; Recorder submit notes to Jen Zach:
Grants/Fundraising

Connie Negaard (Chair), Kehl Arnson, Tim Thompson (Recorder)

Marketing/Recruiting

Ray Ackerlund, Jen Zach (Chair), Terry Rothman (Recorder)

Community Outreach

Jeremy Solin (Chair), Soua Cheng, Chris Munson (Recorder)

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Enrollment and Application 2016

Clearly specified in contract; can take up to 105 students for 2016-2017; are we taking 6th and 7th or only 6th? Advised not to take 8th.

Open to 6th and 7th grade; natural transition period; currently, 1/3 are 7th – 2/3 6th (35 students); could add up to 15 7th graders.

First 50 go to incoming 6th graders; if any remaining go to 7th graders

Can we determine vacancy by grade level? Kehl will check with Legal.

Accepting up to 50 6th grade students and 7th grade students to meet school capacity

Open Enrollment is February 1st, 2016 – April 29th, 2016

B. Staff hiring 2016

Difficult for Dan to be Lead Teacher and in classroom

Teacher:Student – district has recommendation sizes (32 students); Principles will not ask for classes <20 unless it's a specialty

What are scenarios to include instructional guide? Art? Music?

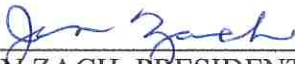
Kehl and Dan will work together on scenarios

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- i. Wednesday, December 2, 2015
- ii. Wednesday, January 6, 2016

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:48 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Ackerlund, Rothmann) to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.



JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT



JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT



DATE

POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:03 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☐ Ray Ackerlund	☒ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☒ Soua Cheng	☒ Dan Lathrop
☒ Christine Munson	☒ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☒ Terry Rothmann	☒ Jeremy Solin
☒ Tim Thompson	☐ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach	

Excused: Mr. Brad Van Den Elzen, Mr. Ray Ackerlund

Guests:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Rothman, Solin) to approve the agenda with correction.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from September 2, 2015

It was moved and seconded (Solin, Rothmann) to approve the minutes as printed from September 2, 2015.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.

B. Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 9/30/15: \$1356.99

Suggested to write grant for \$10,000 through Community Foundation; if PoDS raises \$5000 is matched by Foundation.

It was moved and seconded (Thompson, Cheng) to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.

C. Report from Lead Teacher

Students are mid-Expedition 1

Celebration for Habits of Success is Thursday, November 19th, 2015

Students will include a portrait of the people who are interviewed

Expedition 2 is being called community solutions; will be focused on using technology to raise awareness; kickoff will be at the Idea Center

Planning Student Led Conferences on Tue Oct 20 and Thur Oct 22; goal is 100% participation

Clubs – Coding, Drama, Destination Imagination

Crew Council elections on Friday, Oct. 9; students will be present at Nov governance meeting

Student Jury – Students who receive referral for behavior or not completing assignments meet with jury and Mr. Lathrop; jury provides advise/suggestions. Jury will rotate; intent is to have every student in the school serve on jury.

Parent Group met tonight (Oct. 7, 2015) to set up group. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Lathrop serving as liaisons between group and Governance Board.

Music teacher concerned about enough supplies; request to brainstorm how to strengthen music resources

Enrollment process for 2016-2017; parents are inquiring about waiting list for next year – Discuss at November meeting

D. Report from Administration Liaison

Notification state of Wisconsin is not receiving the Charter School grants from US Dept of Education; (\$125,000).

Need to rethink music program structure.

PoDS staff and building is covered by district; Professional Development is challenge w/o grant; \$42,000 for EL contract

What were we obligated by last year (through Charter grant) that we are no longer bound by w/o grant?

Procedures and process of grant no longer in place

Important to education on what a charter school is and that PoDS is part of the public school district; offer Community Foundation board presentation

District conversation on grade re-alignment – 6th grade teachers felt those students would fit better moving up; 9th grade teachers had mixed feedback about those students going to SPASH. Commission supported grade realignment.

E. PoDS Apparel order form Reese Apparel

Apparel order due on Friday, October 9th, 2015

MADA still has logo; can go to individually to order

F. Facebook

Parents can opt out if they do not want their children posted; no parents opted out as of date

Teachers attempting to post at least 3 times per week

G. Website

Governance Board website; key role in recruitment. Include link to SP School District site; feature expeditions. Dan will work with Ray on updates.

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. 2015-2016 Goals and Objectives

4-5 hours meeting with Mia

Jen will send out Doodle Poll

Consider groups PoDS can meet with – UWSP SOE; NTC Human Services Internship

B. Fund Raising

Professional Development – many grants to not cover this aspect

Staff wish list

Music program support and supplies

Parent Group wants to be part of fund raising; 2-3 big fund raisers – Midnight run, something in winter, snowshoe baseball event, Halloween Haunted House – ideal for parent group to initiate and governance board to support.

Marketing of fund at Community Foundation; newsletters, websites, Facebook

Letter writing campaign by students for specific initiative – music program

Off season trivia night

Silent auction – could this be done each celebration

WEEB Grant end of October 2015; will fund professional development

WI Env Education Foundation Go Fund - \$500 for any outdoor

Grant Writing Sit In – Host at Ben

District has software program that searches for grants

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- i. Tuesday, November 10, 2015
- ii. Wednesday, December 2, 2015

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Cheng, Lathrop) to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.



JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT



JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

11-10-15

DATE

**POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
WISCONSIN LIONS CAMP
3834 COUNTY ROAD A, ROSHOLT, WI 544731**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☒ Ray Ackerlund	☐ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☒ Soua Cheng	☐ Dan Lathrop
☒ Christine Munson	☐ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☒ Terry Rothmann	☒ Jeremy Solin
☒ Tim Thompson	☒ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach	

Excused: Ms. Connie Negaard, Mr. Kehl Arnson

Guests:

Ms. Munson arrived at 6:15 pm

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**It was moved and seconded (Van Den Elzen, Solin) to approve the agenda as printed.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.**

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from August 17, 2015

It was moved and seconded (Rothman, Ackerlund) to approve the minutes as printed from August 17, 2015.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-yes 0-no.

B. Report from Lead Teacher

C. Summer Outreach for Families and Community

Thursday, September 17, 2015 from 5:30 pm to 8 pm

Include Ribbon Cutting (w/ PDC)

Promotion includes newsletter; invites being created by Sarah O'Donnell

D.

E. PoDS Apparel order form MADA

Going through Reese Apparel in Wisconsin Rapids

F. Community Foundation Fund/Grants/Fund raising

Ed Enrichment Fund: \$1884.00

Ed Okray Foundation Grant: \$2500.00

Anonymous Donation: \$500.00

Balance: \$5889.49

2016 Goal is \$30,000 for Urban Expedition in Twin Cities with Voyageur Outward Bound
Community Foundation grant written

Wisconsin Environmental Education Board has grant proposal due end of Oct 2015

G. Enrollment update

52 Students officially enrolled; no one turned away; special education population mirrors district; diverse population (male/female balance; 6th/7th grades represented; multiple races); 7 from out-of or came back to district

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Facebook

Dan has access to page; Lisa needs access

B. Physical Education Teacher

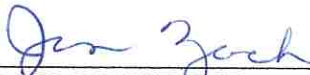
Nick Dax resigned; new teacher designated for position

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- i. Thursday, September 17 Grand Opening 6-8 p.m.
- ii. Wednesday, October 7, 2015 6 p.m.
- iii. Wednesday, November 4, 2015

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:41 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Van Den Elzen, Thompson) to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-yes 0-no.



JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT



JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

DATE

10/7/15

**POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2015.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

☒ Ray Ackerlund	☒ Kehl Arnson (non-voting)	☐ Soua Cheng	☒ Dan Lathrop on phone
☐ Christine Munson	☐ Connie Negaard (non-voting)	☒ Terry Rothmann	☐ Jeremy Solin
☒ Tim Thompson	☒ Brad Van Den Elzen	☒ Jen Zach	

Excused: Ms. Christine Munson, Mr. Jeremy Solin, Mr. Soua Cheng, Dr. Connie Negaard

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Ackerlund) to approve the agenda as printed.
Motion carried by voice vote 5-yes 0-no.

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from August 5, 2015

It was moved and seconded (Ackerlund, Lathrop) to approve the minutes as printed from August 5, 2015.

Motion carried by voice vote 5-yes 0-no.

B. Governance Board Membership

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Van Den Elzen) to approve the membership of Tim Thompson for 2 years on the Governance Board.

Motion carried by voice vote 5-yes 0-no

C. Outreach for Families and Community

i. Thursday, August 20, Orientation for Students/Families

Dan indicated that the staff is preparing for the Orientation. He will send an email to families regarding the 6 p.m. start time.

ii. Thursday, September 17 Grand Opening of PoDS/PDC 6-8 p.m.

Jen will meet with Sarah O'Donnell and Brian Casey this Thursday to discuss details of event.

D. Update on Curriculum/School Development

Lisa Woyak and Dan met with Sarah O'Donnell to learn how to maintain the school's website. The Governance Board will discuss who will be responsible for Facebook updates at the next Governance Board meeting.

E. PoDS Apparel order from MADA

Ray continues to work with MADA.

F. Community Foundation Fund/Grants/Fund raising

\$418.62 in Community Foundation – additional money needed for beginning year fieldwork. Board members will ask as many sources as possible. Terry reminded all that the fund is ready to be added to by board members as well as community members. Terry is working with several companies to secure funding for fieldwork.

PoDS received approximately \$1,840.00 in a Educational Enrichment Grant.

G. Applications and Enrollment update

51 students are officially enrolled, 2 IEP meetings yet to be held

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION

A. Handbook for PoDS Families

It was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Thompson) to approve the handbook for PoDS families as presented with corrections.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-yes 0-no

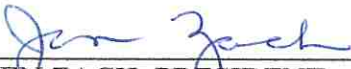
6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

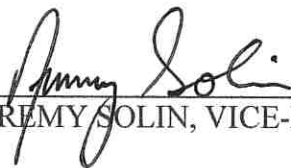
- i. Wednesday, September 2, 2015 6:00 p.m. Lions Camp Rosholt
- ii. Thursday, September 17 Grand Opening 6-8 p.m.
- iii. Wednesday, October 7, 2015 6 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Rothmann, Ackerlund) to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-yes 0-no.


JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT


JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

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POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
GOVERNANCE BOARD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
POINT OF DISCOVERY SCHOOL
1900 WEST ZINDA DRIVE, STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jen Zach called the meeting of Point of Discovery School Governance Board to order at 6:08 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

2. ROLL CALL AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

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

Excused: Ms. Christine Munson, Mr. Jeremy Solin, Mr. Brad Van Den Elzen

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Ackerlund, Cheng) to approve the agenda as printed.
Motion carried by voice vote 5–yes 0–no.

4. OLD BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Minutes from July 15, 2015

It was moved and seconded (Rothman, Lathrop) to approve the minutes as printed from July 1, 2015.

Motion carried by voice vote 5–yes 0–no.

B. Governance Board Membership

Tim Thompson, father of incoming PoDS student, is considering board membership. A decision will be made by the next board meeting.

C. Outreach for Families and Community

- i. Thursday, August 20, Orientation for Students/Families
- ii. Thursday, September 17 Grand Opening of PoDS/PDC 6-8 p.m.

Items to be included at Open House: ribbon cutting for PDC and PoDS, paper invitations to VIPs as well as email invitations to entire staff, begin time at 5:30 p.m.

instead of 6 p.m., tours of both facilities will be given. Jen will work with Sarah O'Donnell and Brian Casey on details.

D. Update on Curriculum/School Development

Dan and Mia have been working on a curriculum plan. Dan sent to all members electronically.

E. PoDS Apparel order from MADA

Ray will check one more time with MADA – no response so far. He will have info by next meeting.

F. Communication with Parents/Students – Newsletters

Newsletter was sent to parents both electronically and paper mail. All staff will receive an electronic copy as well.

G. Community Foundation Fund/Grants/Fund raising

USDE Grant vs. Wisconsin PDI Grant – Connie updated board – no information yet as to whether we can apply for state grant. USDE grant not possible and would need to be returned prior to application to state grant

\$418.62 in Community Foundation – additional money needed for beginning year field work. Board members will ask as many sources as possible. Dan will check total cost of Lion's Camp as well as transportation costs. He will also check to see if the Lion's Camp can be paid in installments as donations are received.

H. Applications and Enrollment update

49 students are officially enrolled, 4 IEP meetings yet to be held, 4 students on waiting list

I. Maker Lab

On July 29, 2015, Terry, Jen and Dan met with Bill Schierl, Greg Wright, Brian Casey and Many Keenan about future collaborations in regards to a maker lab and other opportunities for students in the district as well as PoDS. The intent of the space being developed in downtown Stevens Point is to encourage entrepreneurship and give creative ideas a place to flourish, leading to innovative businesses and reasons to live in Stevens Point. Additional collaborative efforts will be pursued in the future with this group and the school district.

5. NEW BUSINESS (INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION)

A. Contract with Expeditionary Learning for 2015-2016 School Year

The School District will be asked to approve the contract with EL for the 2015-2016 school year. Kehl will call Ryan Maxwell to discuss payment options with the hopes of delaying payment until a grant can be secured. Jen and Kehl will meet with Lee Bush to discuss whether the contract will need approval by the board of education.

B. Wisconsin Act 23 – Chris/Kehl

Brief discussion was held regarding this Act and the ability for retired armed officers to enter school buildings. Kehl will return with additional information on this subject.

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- i. Wednesday, September 2, 2015 6:00 p.m. Lions Camp Rosholt

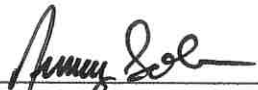
- ii. Thursday, September 17 Grand Opening 6-8 p.m.
- iii. Wednesday, October 7, 2015 6 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:33 p.m., it was moved and seconded (Lathrop, Ackerlund) to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote 5-yes 0-n o.



JEN ZACH, PRESIDENT



JEREMY SOLIN, VICE-PRESIDENT

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