

MINUTES/NOTES

Meeting: Eau Claire Virtual School Governance Board

Date: February 17, 2026

Time: 4:45pm – 5:45 pm

Location: BOE 123B

Attendees:

Nicole Brynelsen	X	Suzie Slota		Jason Schmitz	X	Laura Schlichting	X	
Dan Drescher	X	Adam Pettit	X	Misti Trowbridge	X	Holly Stanley	X	Cole Pankratz X

1. Call to Order

Jason Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Nicole, Suzie, Jason, Laura

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Laura
 Second by Nicole
 Yes: All Yes
 No:

4. Public Comment

No Comment

5. Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes – January
 Approve Expenditures
 Motion to approve by Nicole
 Second by Laura
 Yes: All Yes
 No:

6. Items for Discussion/Action

a. Second semester enrollment

- Total number of students were dismissed due to Failure to Participate (FTP) 3 =12 students. The goal is to cut FTP rate down even further.

- Enrollment as of 2.6.26 is 208 students: Gr. 4-5 9 students; Gr. 6-8 26 students; Gr. 9-12 162 students.
- Holly shared that they do student progress checks every 2 weeks to give families time to implement suggestions, etc. This allows mentors to have time to connect with students.
- Holly facilitates the first FTP meeting. Misti attends meetings 2 and #3. After meeting #2, testing and preparations begin if a McKinley option is a better fit for the student. Jason notes that 80% have gotten back on track. Misti noted that some students take an alternate route prior to meeting #3.

b. Family Advisory Committee (FAC)

- As a charter school, ECVS is required by DPI to have a FAC committee. At a FAC meeting, Misti will be looking for feedback on the new initiatives. Participants could also have a place to share concerns and struggles with having a student in virtual school. Misti will work on how to launch this committee.

7. ECVS Admin Updates

a. Graduation

- Graduation is set for May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at DeLong Middle School.
- There will be a device turn-in, and graduates will do a walk-through prior to the ceremony.
- There will be reception afterwards that will include photo opportunities.
- Board representation is encouraged. Dan offered to read the graduate names. Other members also offered to assist.

b. Family survey – opens 2/23

- Family survey closes March 7. Survey results were shared with the Board. Previous years' data was also included. Jason noted that in the past, a survey specific for the virtual school had been sent to families.

c. Learning Platform

- Cost of \$100,000 drives decision to continue with Pearson for one more school year before looking at evaluating a different platform to use.
- ECVS will be phasing out grade 4-5.

8. Board Updates

None shared

9. District FAC Update

- The Demo and Trends Committee have the purpose of examining population and facility needs.
- There were concerns of the presence of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the community and the effect on bus transportation. Nicole asked if, when ECVS students live within a boundary area, families can be notified for their own information and awareness. Nicole shared that

Superintendent Mike Johnson made a note of her comment. Adam will investigate Parent Square to see if dual-enrolled students are getting school messages.

- Misti asked about including sports registrations in the ECVS newsletter. Nicole affirmed, adding HOW to get enrolled/registered. Holly said that the school counselor, Kayla, will assist with the forms.
- Misti shared that students at the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) have been working with detention staff regarding a pathway to ECVS.
- Montessori has had a discussion about dechartering. Per the recent ECASD Board meeting, they will keep the charter. The school district is also looking at dechartering at McKinley. A plan will go to the Board to reestablish as an alternate school. Jason asked if ECVS would ever decharter. Misti explained that it could be revisited when the current charter expires in 2029.
- The elementary school phase out is in process. 6th grade starts with a platform and then phases out. The current ECVS teacher will be supporting virtual students in varied ways to add to her teaching responsibilities.
- No 4th grade enrollments will be accepted for the 2026-27 school year.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to approve by Suzie

Second by Nicole

Yes: All Yes

No: