



The Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School Agenda

Mission: Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School creates a hands-on learning environment where curriculum is brought to life and curiosity is fostered each and every day through time in our natural world.

Vision: Growing minds through nature!

Date and Time

Thursday January 27 at 6:00PM CDT

Location

ROLES GC Meeting

Attendance: Amy Levash, Mike Mullen, Cindy Raimer, Brynn Stadler, Bridget Pankonin, Cate Tinker, Brian Fortney, Pete Christy, Sara Christy, Sarah Fortney, Christina Knoske, Ami Rosengren, Korinne Petersen, Tera Rogers, Amy Pollard, Greta Malek, Jessica Koepsell, Kat Chronis, Sarah Neumann, Brittne Dohl, Henry Koepsell

Agenda

- I. Opening Items
 - A. Call the Meeting to Order
 - B. Record Attendance
 - C. Approval of Agenda
 1. Motioned: Brynn
 2. Second: Tera
 3. Motion Carried
 - D. Approval of Minutes
 1. [December Minutes](#)
 - a) Motioned: Bridget
 - b) Second: Cate
 - c) Motion Carried
- II. [Enrollment and Lottery](#)
- III. 2022-2023 School Year
 - A. [Seat Recommendation](#)
- IV. COVID Committee Update

- A. Students eating outside
 - 1. Teachers have the discretion to eat inside if necessary
 - B. Spring Break
 - 1. Go virtual after spring break?
 - 2. Teachers would like at least 2 weeks lead time for going virtual
 - 3. It was noted that having the virtual week after holidays last year was effective at catching cases before they got to class
 - 4. It was observed that the policy should be followed\
 - 5. If the staff are drowning with COVID management, how/when can we help?
- V. Administrator Report/Middle School Grant Update
- A. MAP Testing - Wrapping up in the next few days
 - B. Attendance and Health - Drastically improved
 - C. Grant is coming along!
 - D. Community Involvement - Mike would love to see some community members volunteer for some activities
 - E. Ice fishing with the kindergartners
 - F. Skiing
 - G. Riveredge bringing Jeff on as their education director
 - H. Discussions about the new elementary school and where the Middle School will go
 - I. Mid-year report - A requirement to DPI to report on our performance measures
- VI. [Technology Use Policy](#)
- A. Motion to Approve: Brian
 - B. Second: Brynn
 - C. Carried with one abstention
- VII. Committee Reports
- A. Finance
 - 1. CPI is coming in very high. Will need to look at that with respect to wage increases in closed session.
 - 2. December Financials
 - a) Motion to Approve: Brynn
 - b) Second: Pete
 - c) Carried
 - B. Facilities & Operations
 - 1. Nothing Significant to Report
 - C. [Executive Committee](#)
 - 1. Korinne had a question about the teacher evaluations being on time, but they are. Mike has one round done so far.
 - D. Teaching and Learning
 - 1. Virtual Friday Vote is due - Special Meeting
 - 2. Mike and the staff are engaged in finding a phonics curriculum that is Kindergarten through Fifth Grade
 - E. [PTO](#)
- VIII. Public Comment
- A. Cindy Raimer - Frustrated and would like a meeting with the governance council to explain and show proof that the policies are not being enforced. Not excluding symptomatic kids from school. Not requiring testing to return to school. Not excluding siblings from school. Sick kids keep other kids out of class. Staff gets sick. Staff loses pay (para's don't get sick days)

- B. Christina Knoske - There was a class (fourth grade) this week on Tuesday that went outside and ate snack. She is frustrated with the policy. She wanted to know if parents could be informed of when meetings are being put out (like the COVID meeting). Wanted to know if the financials could be posted publicly.
- C. Sarah Neumann - Want to piggyback a little bit on Christina's comment. Fourth grade has been told that they are not allowed to eat inside the yurt because of COVID. COVID policy is really confusing. I would like it clarified.

IX. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn Meeting
 - 1. Motioned: Tera
 - 2. Second: Pete
 - 3. Motion carried

[Committee Meetings:](#)

- Teaching & Learning Committee- 1st Thursday at 6:30pm
- Executive Committee- 3rd Thursday at 7pm

[2020-2021 Governance Council Meeting Dates](#)

- February 24th at 6pm
- March 31st at 6pm (5th Thursday)
- April 28th at 6pm
- May 26th at 6pm
- June 23rd at 6pm