



# The Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School Agenda

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## Date and Time

Thursday, March 31st at 6:00PM CDT

**Attendance:** Brian Fortney, Amy Levash, Brian Schroeder, Bridget Pankonin, Brittne Dohl, Brynn Stadler, Cindy Raimer, Greta Malek, Jessica Koepsell, Kat Chronis, Korinne Haefel, Laura Wollersheim, Pete Christy, Sarah Neumann, Tera Rogers, Vanessa Goll, Amy VanSpeybroeck, Cam Pauli, Sarah Fortney, Chrissy Knoske

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## Agenda

- I. Opening Items
  - A. Call the Meeting to Order
  - B. Record Attendance All But Brian Fortney - Arrived at 6:15
  - C. Approval of Agenda
    1. Bridget Motion,
    2. Tera 2nd
    3. Unanimous
  - D. Approval of Minutes
    1. [February Minutes](#)
      - a) Pete Motion,
      - b) Bridget 2nd
      - c) Unanimous
    2. [Special Meeting Minutes](#)
- II. Misc Meeting Items
  - A. Public Comment - Recommendation from WERCS Looking at other districts
    1. Limit to speaking 1x per meeting
    2. 3 minutes timed public comment  
Current Policy:  
<https://theriveredgeschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Open-Meetings-7.22.21.pdf>
  - B. In-Person Meetings
    1. Begin in-person meetings in April
    2. Look into potential ways to live-stream the meetings for the public
    3. Mike will check on space with Northern Ozaukee where we may be able to meet AND use virtual technology
  - C. Website
- III. Literacy Coach- New Position
  - A. Brian asked if Jade would consider joining the Teaching and Learning
    1. Mike responded that it would be a good idea later down the line after building relationships with the teachers

- B. Bridget asked for clarification about how this position would be budgeted.
  - 1. Mike responded that there is some surplus in the professional development budget in the grant (4-5 hours for the rest of the year)
- C. Pete commented: Doesn't want to take time away from the 5th grade class. Would also like to see if she has availability to join Teaching and Learning
- D. Amy asked if she has experience with Fontas and Pinnell.
  - 1. Mike responded that she has extensive experience in a variety of curricula.
- E. Will she be focusing efforts on teachers based on need or will she spread her time evenly?
  - 1. She'll be working with teacher based on need
- F. Korinne asked if this was an opportunity to vote on offering this role to Jade or if she has already been hired.
  - 1. Amy responded that she has unofficially begun working in the role
- G. Korinne asked if the curriculum that we're moving forward with is part of her philosophy and teaching methods.
  - 1. Mike assured her that she can work with whatever curriculum we choose
- H. Korinne also asked if four hours was going to be enough and recommended that we strategically support the staff that needs the most attention this year with the intent to expand it later
- I. Pete asked how much money was budgeted for Sunny (Tera responded: 14500 and we spent 8000) and half of that is left that could be use for Jade we have about 300 hours that we could budget for Jade
- J. Motion to Approve Jade in the Temporary Literacy Coaching Position through the end of the 2021/2022 school year - just through the summer
  - 1. Bridget made a motion
  - 2. Brynn seconds
  - 3. Discussion
    - a) Korinne asked to clarify that the temporary position ends in July vice the August PD session
    - b) Pete asked if we would have to go through this process in the fall if we would like to continue
    - c) Bridget pointed out that we would have evidence to evaluate the effectiveness of the position
  - 4. Role Call
    - a) Brynn - Aye
    - b) Korinne - Aye
    - c) Tera - Aye
    - d) Brian - Aye
    - e) Bridget - Aye
    - f) Pete - Aye
    - g) Amy - Aye

#### IV. Middle School Grant

- A. Got it in early - ROLES was first
- B. There was a lot of competition
- C. We will find out in June
- D. Brian asked for clarification on the questions that were posed in the grant proposal [meeting](#)
- E. Regular business meeting on June 23rd and having a discussion about the grant in a special session
- F. Korinne thought it would be good to have RNC involved in the discussion
  - 1. Bridget let us know that RNC is aware and following the development of the Middle School

#### V. Administrator Report

- A. [Admin Report](#)
- B. MAPS Scores
  1. Korinne would like more granular data with respect to the scores since the GC is responsible for school outcomes
  2. Mike has some reservations
  3. Pete supported Korinne's request so that we can better make informed decisions and allocate resources.
  4. Amy also supports the request
  5. Tera agrees with Mike that there is more to the data than what the scores are telling you. There has to be the story that goes with it. Also reminded us that we as the governance council have to remember our role. Our job is to do higher level decision making. We tend to get into the weeds more than we should.
  6. Brian asked if there was data supporting the need for a literacy coach.
  7. We will table the discussion of matching data to the Governance Council's responsibilities for another time.

## VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance
  1. February Financials
  2. (emailed separately)
  3. Going into closed session at end of meeting
    - a) Motion to approve February Financials
      - (1) Brynn motioned
      - (2) Brian seconds
      - (3) Comments?
        - (a) Unanimous
- B. Facilities & Operations
  1. Met yesterday with Bridget, Pete and Keith from RNC
  2. White Boards were discussed. Plan on installing them by September
    - a) One behind the second grade classroom
    - b) One out by Vernal Pond
    - c) Discussed RNC to see if they would provide funding and they seemed agreeable.
    - d) Pass along to the staff: If a structure (i.e. Barn) is vacant, please put in the request form so that they know it is planned on being used.
- C. Executive
  1. No Report
- D. Teaching & Learning
  1. [March Minutes](#)
- E. PTO
  1. [March Minutes](#)

## VII. Public Comment

- A. Public Comment
  1. Greta Malek - With respect to in-person meetings, can we make sure the agendas are posted a little more in advance?
  2. Mindy Schroeder - Would really appreciate being able to join virtually. Also would like more notice on the meeting agendas.

## VIII. Motion to go into Closed Session

- A. Pursuant to section 19.85 (1) ©

Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Korinne motions

Bridget seconds

Roll Call - Brynn Hocking - Aye

Pete Christy - Aye

Bridget Pankonin - Aye

Korinne Haefel - Aye

Brian Fortney - Aye

Amy Levash - Aye

Tera Rogers - Aye

B. Adjourn Closed session and re-enter public meeting

1. Motion: Brian

2. Second: Brynn

3. Unanimous

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

1. Motion: Tera

2. Second: Pete

3. Unanimous

### [Committee Meetings:](#)

-Teaching & Learning Committee- 1st Thursday at 6:30pm

-Executive Committee- 3rd Thursday at 7pm

-Facilities Committee- 4th Wednesday at RNC at 3:45pm

-Finance Committee - 3rd Friday via Google Meet

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

-April 28th at 6pm

-May 26th at 6pm

-June 23rd at 6pm