



The Riveredge Outdoor Learning Elementary School Agenda

Date and Time


Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6pm

Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Korinne Haeffel-Petersen, Diane Abbey, Brian Fortney, Cindy Raimer, Sarah Neumann, Ami Rosengren, Amy Pollard, Nicole Blawat, Jessica Koepsell

All items slated for a vote may or may not be voted on during this session

Agenda

- I. Opening Items
 - A. Call the Meeting to Order
 - B. Record Attendance
 - C. Approval of Agenda
 1. Motion to approve: Diane Abbey
 2. Second: Brian Fortney
 3. Discussion: Remove the vote for accepting GC resignations from the agenda
 4. Motion Carried
 - D. Approval of Minutes
 1.  May 2023 Working Meeting Minutes
 2. Motion to approve: Brian Fortney
 3. Second: Diane Abbey
 4. Motion Carried

- II. Public Comment - None heard tonight

- III. Accept Resignation of GC Members
 - A. Amy Levash
 - B. Tera Rogers

- IV. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A. Policies
 1. [3340 Grievance Procedure](#) (Professional Staff)
 2. [4340 Grievance Procedure](#) (Support Staff)
 3. Motion to approve: Brian Fortney
 4. Second: Diane Abbey
 5. Motion carried

- V. Nomination to the GC
 - A. Michelle Travis

1. Motion to approve: Diane Abbey
 2. Second: Brian Fortney
 3. Discussion: Is there anything preventing a GC member from also participating in the PTO.
 - a) Not explicitly covered in the bylaws, but members should be aware of and address any potential conflict of interest.
 4. Motion carried.
- VI. Elect Interim GC President
- A. Motion to nominate Korinne Haefel-Petersen as GC President: Brian Fortney
 - B. Second: Diane Abbey
 - C. Discussion: Elections in August. We will need to identify Vice President and Treasurer Roles at the next meeting.
 - D. Motion carried
- VII. Admin Report
- A. [GC Admin Report 5/23](#)
- VIII. Committee Reports
- A. Financial
 1. April Financials emailed separately
 - a) Motion to approve April financial report: Brian Fortney
 - b) Second: Diane Abbey
 - c) Discussion: Would like for the new treasurer to be able to work with CESA6 to do a deep dive on the financials in order to get up to speed on the records.
 - d) Motion carried.
 - B. Facilities and Operations
 1. [5/19/2023 Facility Minutes](#)
 - C. Exec Committee
 1. [5/18/23 ROLES Executive Meeting](#)
 - D. PTO
 1. Diane has connected with the PTO and has the email addresses of current members and potential officers after elections.
 2. Diane is awaiting the minutes from the most recent meeting and any meetings between now and the next GC meeting.
 3. Diane will be the liaison between the GC and PTO.
- IX. Rebranding-School Name
- A. Formal announcement of the winning name on Tuesday after adventure day.
 1. Motion to accept the results of the vote: Diane Abbey
 2. Second: Brian Fortney
 3. Motion carried.
- X. School Fees
- A. Consider proposal to increase school fee to \$100 for 23-24
 1. Motion to approve increased school fee as proposed: Brian Fortney
 2. Second: Diane Abbey
 3. Discussion: The school has not raised the fee since its inception and we've been able to absorb the additional inflation costs that have happened during COVID.
 4. Motion carried.
- XI. [Enrollment Update 5/25/23](#)
- A. Will have a presence at the West Bend Farmer's Market on June 17th to promote rebranding and hopefully recruit for next year's students.

XII. Staffing

- A. Accept Resignation K. Buser
- B. Accept Resignation N. Blawat
- C. Candidate Interviews held
 - 1. Motion to accept staff resignations: Brian Fortney
 - 2. Second: Diane Abbey
 - 3. Discussion: Gratitude
 - 4. Motion carried

XIII. Perception Survey

- A. 15 students responded
- B. 34 parents responded
- C. 6 staff members responded
- D. Overall results were positive. There were some areas that indicated room for improvement. Results will be shared in more detail during the next working meeting.

XIV. Closed Session

Motion to go into Closed Session

- a. The exemption in Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) authorizes a closed session to discuss legal counsel advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (contract review)
- b. 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. (Teacher stipend)
- c. Motion to go into closed session as proposed: Brian Fortney
- d. Second: Diane Abbey
- e. Roll Call:
 - i. Diane Abbey - Aye
 - ii. Brian Fortney - Aye
 - iii. Korinne Haeffel-Petersen - Aye
 - iv. Motion carried
- f. Motion to go into open session as proposed: Brian Fortney
- g. Second: Diane Abbey
- h. Roll Call:
 - i. Diane Abbey - Aye
 - ii. Brian Fortney - Aye
 - iii. Korinne Haeffel-Petersen - Aye
 - iv. Motion carried

XV. Items up for vote from closed session

- A. Motion to issue a \$5000 retention bonus to returning teachers with \$1000 upon return of signed contract, \$1500 on August 15th, and the remaining balance on the first day of the second semester: Diane Abbey
- B. Second: Brian Fortney
- C. Roll Call:
 - 1. Diane Abbey - Aye
 - 2. Brian Fortney - Aye
 - 3. Korinne Haeffel-Petersen - Aye
 - 4. Motion carried
- D. Motion to offer contracts for employment for the 23-24 school year: Diane
- E. Second: Brian Fortney
- F. Roll Call:
 - 1. Diane Abbey - Aye
 - 2. Brian Fortney - Aye
 - 3. Korinne Haeffel-Petersen - Aye
 - 4. Motion carried
- G. Motion to authorize the attorneys to move forward with their recommendations with respect to the Facilities Agreement: Diane Abbey
- H. Second: Brian Fortney

- I. Roll Call:
 1. Diane Abbey - Aye
 2. Brian Fortney - Aye
 3. Korinne Haeffel-Petersen - Aye
 4. Motion carried

- XVI. Closing Items
 - A. Adjourn Meeting
 1. Motion to adjourn: Diane Abbey
 2. Second: Brian Fortney
 3. Motion carried

[Summer Governance Council Meeting Dates](#)

- June 8th, 2023 at 6pm (Working Meeting - Hybrid)
- June 22nd, 2023 at 6pm (Virtual)
- Tentatively No July Meeting (unless urgent business arises)