



Governance Council Meeting
Monday, Feb. 12 at 6:00 pm

Online via Google Meet: meet.google.com/fza-tzse-go

- I. Call to order - Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- II. Affirmation of open session - Kelly - at 6:04 p.m.
- III. Acknowledge voting teachers for this session - [Voting teacher doc](#) - Amber Willoughby
- IV. Present/ Absent members
Present: Kelly Nielsen, Brooke Knoll, Bryan Nell, Katie Feldner
Absent: Keela Disterhaft, Jennah Armga, Joe Michels
Staff/Admin present: Shawn Gartzke, Amber Willoughby
- V. Review & approval of minutes
 - A. [Jan 8 2024 Minutes.docx](#) - Bryan moved to approve the January 8, 2024 Journey Governance Council Meeting minutes. Kelly seconded. Motion carried.
- VI. Community Input - None
- VII. Executive Team Report
 - A. President's report - No report
 - B. Treasurer's Report - [Council doc](#) - **Financial log** tab - Checks from dance proceeds (ticket sales) have been deposited. Waiting on checks from restaurants to be added.
 - C. Administrator's Report -
 1. One school update - no updates at this time, waiting on action to be taken at Board meeting on 2/19. First guiding coalition meeting will take place next week Thursday to discuss next steps. This will include a small group of staff.
 2. Conferences - waiting to hear back from teachers to see what % attendance from parents was. Data will be presented at the next meeting.
- VIII. Teachers' report - Teachers have been busy with testing, report cards and using data to target instruction around getting students where they need to be going into the remainder of the school year.
 - A. [VOTE: Proposal to spend Journey funds](#) - JGC had previously discussed what would happen with remaining funds once schools were combined. Teaching staff would like to see current students benefit from those funds during this school year, so they are proposing to divide remaining funds equally amongst all teachers for various classroom needs. Bryan asked what would happen to the funds at the end of the school year if it doesn't get divided up. Shawn responded that the funds would need to be allocated by the governance council for future needs. Katie asked about whether dance proceeds from this school year would be part of this proposal; Shawn stated that these funds would most likely be



used for a school-wide need. Katie suggested using some of the funds for the start-up of the PTO. Shawn stated that Barlow Park Charter is currently in the process of trying to determine if they can use remaining grant funds for playground equipment, so funds may not be needed from Journey for playground equipment. It was suggested that the proposal to use existing funds be used immediately so students can benefit from it and dance funds be part of a separate proposal in the future, rather than combining all of the funds and using funds at the end of the school year. A proposal for distribution of dance funds will be presented in a future meeting.

Motion: Brooke moved to approve the recommendation to divide the Journey funds evenly among the 7 teachers to use for classroom supplies, Gallery Walk supplies, and water for field trips for this year's Journey students. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

IX. Team reports

A. Events & Promotions

1. Dance recap - Dance was a big success. Had over 160 families sign up (approximately 500 people attended). Had more donations for snacks this year than in previous years so there was enough for the entire length of the dance. Shawn added that he was very impressed by how seamlessly the event went. Parent feedback was that more ambient lighting was needed and the volume of music was a touch too loud.

B. Marketing & Communication - no updates

C. School Support - no updates

D. P.T.O. - no updates

X. Old Business - none

XI. New Business - none

XII. Adjourn - Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Monday, March 11 at 6:00 pm

Journey Project School Mission: Developing a foundation for students to problem solve and flourish beyond the classroom

Journey Project School Vision: Journey Project School, serving students in grades Kindergarten through grade 2, lays the educational foundation through project-based learning. Journey Project School will provide a project-based