



Governance Council Meeting

Monday, May 13 at 6:00 pm

Online via Google Meet: [meet.google.com/fza-tzse-go](https://meet.google.com/fza-tzse-go)

- I. Call to order - Kelly at 6:04 p.m.
- II. Affirmation of open session - Kelly at 6:04 p.m.
- III. Acknowledge voting teachers for this session - Voting teachers for this session are: Veronica Vakirtzis, Elizabeth Gatzke [Voting teacher doc](#)
- IV. Present/ Absent members  
Present: Kelly Nielsen, Brooke Knoll, Jennah Armga, Bryan Nell  
Absent: Joe Michels, Keela Disterhaft, Katie Feldner  
Staff/Admin. Present: Jackie Adams, Veronica Vakirtzis, Elizabeth Gatzke, Shawn Gartzke
- V. Review & approval of minutes - Kelly moved to approve the February 12, 2024 Meeting minutes. Brooke seconded. Motion carried.
  - A. [February 12 2024 Journey Governance Council Meeting Minutes.docx](#)
- VI. Community Input - none
- VII. Executive Team Report
  - A. President's report - Nothing to report; Kelly commented that being on the Governance Council has been a great experience and she's looking forward to helping in a new capacity once the two schools merge.
  - B. Treasurer's Report - [Council doc](#) - **Financial log** tab - Just recently received the donation from Route 23 for the Butterflies & Bowties Dance. There are a few budget items to finalize; should have a little over \$4000 left in account at the end of the school year. Shawn will work with teachers to utilize these funds.
  - C. Administrator's Report -
    1. School Unification Update - Guiding coalition - have a finalized mission statement and identified best practices. Shawn stated that he wants to be a school that has an umbrella of "best practices", rather than saying we're a "project school" or a "play based school".
    2. PTO recruitment - Shawn stated that if anyone is interested in being part of the new PTO, please let him know. Will have a recruiting/parent engagement session at some point in the future. Kelly added that it would be beneficial to have teachers identify and be very transparent about what they're looking for as far as PTO involvement so parents have an idea of what their responsibilities would be prior to getting involved. She also asked if teachers would need any help throughout the summer as classrooms are being moved around to prepare for the upcoming school year and combining of the two schools. Shawn thought that there was a good plan in place but would reach out if any extra help was needed.



Kelly asked what the frequency of PTO meetings would be for next school year. Shawn would like to start with monthly meetings and adjust from there.

3. **Appreciation** - Shawn thanked the Governance Council members for all the support they provided throughout the school year and with the school unification process.
- VIII. **Teachers' report** - Jackie thanked all of the governance council members for all their help over the years, it's been very much appreciated. Spring Gallery Walks went really well, received lots of positive feedback. Last big event is the field trip to Fond du Lac Children's Museum, looking forward to that! As far as events for next year, will continue to have the dance and will look at some way to have a gallery walk/power of play type event and potentially a back to school cookout or gathering of some sort.
- IX. **Team reports**
- A. **Events & Promotions** - no report
  - B. **Marketing & Communication** - no report
  - C. **School Support** - no report
  - D. **P.T.O.** - no report
- X. **Old Business** - None
- XI. **New Business** - None
- XII. **Adjourn** Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.. Brooke seconded. Motion carried.

**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