

Governance Council Minutes
Verona Area International School
VAIS-LMC
Monday, August 8, 2022

Attendance

James Kokalj, Sally Parks, Charles James, Cindy Grady, Brandon Braithwaite, Patty Immanuella

Virtually: Sally Parks, Kelly Gibson, Darlene Berkowitz, Teresa Mueller, Sarah Shaw, Dr. Angie Hawkins, Grace Flores

Also attending: Evan Henderson, Adam Zingsheim

Absent: Steve Kean, Joanne Mueller

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Welcome to our new director, Sally Parks.

Approval of June minutes. Teresa moved to approve the minutes, Charles seconded. Motion carries- minutes are approved.

Adam Zingsheim came and discussed his role as the Director of Elementary Education. He will be attending various meetings to learn more about how our school works.

Dr. Angie Hawkins also joined us.

Director's Report

Sally Parks is excited to be back after serving as a .2 Director for our school when it first opened its doors.

Enrollment is currently slated to be 128.

Staff updates- Anna Martinez is our new secretary. Tiffany Laxton is our new art teacher. Our school psychologist will be Kysten Gillespie. Lauren Shawl, our school social worker, will be .5 VAIS and .5 NCS, so she will be in our building full time. Heidi Konop will be our CLS. We are waiting on an update for our health assistant. LeiLei Song will join us as an EA.

A budget meeting will take place later in August.

Rosa Barillo Larson joins us as the director of multilingual education.

VAIS sent a staff team to VAIS leadership institute. They focused on our continuous improvement plan.

We discussed having a discussion at a future meeting about the role of GC and the relationship between GC and the administration. Grace will circulate the charter agreement and bylaws.

August 30th, 4-6 pm, supply drop off will take place in the cafeteria. Classrooms will not be ready yet.

Other business

Cindy Grady moved to appoint Evan Henderson as the New Parent representative. Charles James seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed. Violet, his daughter, will be entering kindergarten. Welcome aboard, Evan!

Sally was asked to address covid mitigation strategies and protocols. The district has formed a committee and will be meeting to discuss this, and information will be shared in the near future.

The school directory needs to be reassigned. We will try to find a volunteer for the next meeting so we can get it done this fall. Evan has volunteered to be involved and possibly take this on.

We will have a table at supply drop off night to advertise and recruit committee members.

Budget committee

The committee will be meeting on August 24th.

Fundraising committee

- The committee will be meeting on August 17th to discuss a plan for this year. Location TBD.

Outreach

- The committee is getting ready for VAIS story time Sunday August 21st at Kismet Books.
- Adam shared that there will be a larger recruitment window permitted by the district, which is something we've been wanting for many years, so this is very favorable news.

School Climate

- No updates- will consider combining this committee with parent engagement, as there is a lot of cross-over between the two committees, and low attendance on both.

Parent engagement

- Tiffani Roltgen will be taking over as the new chair.
- Currently have 5 members- looking for more
- Members: Karen Reed, Kelsey Hand, Grace Flores, Sara Beuthien.
- We will be doing lots of sign-up based volunteering efforts
- There will be a "welcome back wishes" sign-up coming out soon.
- Social media activity will also be a focus this year. "Talk it out Tuesday" will be a new addition to help build our school community.

Sarah Shaw motioned to adjourn. Brandon seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.