

Meeting: Eau Claire Virtual School Governance Board

Date: 3.28.2023

Time: 4:45 P.M.

Location: Flynn Elementary Room 176 and Teams Meeting

Attendees:

Nicole Brynelson	PaSia Moua X	Jason Schmitz	Andria Rice X	Kelsey Maki X
Susan Kishel X	Erik Keisler		Shannyn Pinkert X	
Nicole Brynelson X	Kristina Johnson	Andrew Seveland	Jenna Mattice X	Lillian McRaven X
Michael Lee				

Guests:

Jim Schmitt, Debra Nimitz

Notes:

1. 2.21.23 Approval of Minutes – Shannyn Pinkert

- Motion by PaSia Moua to approve 2.21.2023 ECVS meeting minutes, seconded by Kelsey Maki. All others approve, motion carries.

2. School Report

- March All School Meeting – Read Across America Theme. Students from different grade levels got to participate in the meeting.
- Getting ready for state testing – Forward, ACT, PreACT
 - Testing starts in April
- School counselor is out on leave indefinitely – Debra and Jim have been completing the duties of the school counselor
- ECVS meets once a month to discuss students who aren’t meeting attendance requirements or having a difficult time adjusting to ECVS

3. Family Advisory Council (FAC) Update

- Minutes from the FAC meeting:

4. “2023-24” Update

- In 2023-2024, all ECVS K-12 curriculum will be Pearson.
- Shift from 4 classrooms (K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7) to 2 classrooms (K-2 and 3-6).
- The Pearson-only curriculum model should be a more sustainable for multiple reasons.
 - ECASD curriculum requires training on many of the ECASD curricular materials. This is a very big challenge because each ECVS teacher does not have a colleague from ECVS teaching the same grade level. Using Pearson curriculum means the training can come from Pearson’s built-in training model and does not rely on ECASD-trained teachers transferring from brick-and-mortar schools to ECVS.
 - Pearson curriculum is designed for virtual programming. ECASD curriculum is not. This will allow for more asynchronous instruction, which provides more flexibility for families. As I have

researched other virtual schools, this flexibility is one of the big reasons families choose virtual schooling. I know we are planning to survey our families about why they choose ECVS. We will continue to learn from family voices as we adjust our programming in the future.

- With Pearson in grades K-3, there will be no transition from one curriculum to another as students progress through ECVS grade levels.
- As the Governance Board has worked on the school’s identity, we now have a clear focus on Pearson K-12. This is similar to what Appleton has successfully done.
- This impacts the budget due to cost for Pearson enrollment and training fees.
- Each current ECVS staff member is guaranteed a position with ECASD. With the addition and removal of FTE at positions, there are several shifts that are going to take place.
- Staffing allocations 23-24

Position	2023-24 Staffing Allocation (FTE) – next year	2022-23 Staffing Allocation (FTE) – this year
Grade Level Classroom Teacher	2.0	4.0
English Learner Teacher	0.2	0.0
Special Education Teacher	1.5	1.0
Librarian	0.3	0.3
Guidance Counselor	1.0	1.0
Secretary	0.5	0.5

- 174 students currently enrolled for next year; 6 students on the waitlist

5. Committee Share Out

- Survey Questions
 - Update Questions – change questions to strongly disagree to strongly agree with a comment section at the end.
 - Ask question for interest in Parent Advisory Council
 - Jim will send proposed questions to Shannyn, Jenna, and Jason
 - Shannyn, Jenna, and Jason will edit questions as needed

6. Future Agenda Items

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
- School Report/FAC update
- Committee breakout