

**Meeting:** Eau Claire Virtual School Governance Board

**Date:** 9.19.2023

**Time:** 4:45 P.M.

**Location:** Flynn Elementary Room 180

**Attendees:**

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

**Guests:**

Jim Schmitt

**Notes:**

**1. 8.15.23 Approval of Minutes – Shannyn Pinkert**

- Motion by PaSia Moua to approve 8.15.2023 ECVS meeting minutes, seconded by Kelsey Maki. All others approve, motion carries.

**2. New Members – Jennifer Robbins and Catalino**

- Motion by Jason Schmitz to approve Jennifer Robbins and Catalino Rodriguez as members on the ECVS Governance Board, seconded by Kelsey Maki. All others approve, motion carries.

**3. School Report – Jim Schmitt**

- 2023-2024 orientation was split into mini groups for families and students. The 9<sup>th</sup> mini group has completed their session. Videos were sent videos after with “how-to” log in and use the observer account.
- Good feedback from families from the orientation sessions
- K-6 enrollment ~20
- K-12 enrollment ~150
- Lisa Stag – School Counselor – is doing a phenomenal job!
- Apple themed Back to School event is Tuesday, September 19 following the ECVS Governance Board Meeting
- Survey has been sent to students to gather information about the activities they would like to do outside of the school day such as watch a movie, visit the library, Beaver Creek, etc. There have been 17 responses so far.

**4. Family Advisory Council (FAC) Update**

- Jennifer Robbins and Catalino Rodriguez will be the FAC representatives for ECVS. The first meeting is in October.
- There is no FAC update today because there has not been a FAC meeting for the 2023-2024 school year.

**5. Pearson Update**

- Pearson is the platform that ECVS uses to deliver content to virtual learners.

- Pearson contacted ECASD in June to inform us that they are planning to add another academy to Wisconsin similar to Connections Academy to reach additional students.
- Pearson will present at the school board meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to propose that ECASD will sponsor this additional Connections Academy for Wisconsin. They will not vote on this at this meeting.
  - Proposing a Careers Connections Academy – how is this different than Connections Academy?
  - New ECASD school in addition to the existing schools
  - This is not connected to ECVS
  - ECASD can benefit from funding for students and there could be a discount for Pearson enrollment for ECVS
  - This would be similar to Appleton who has a Connections Academy and a separate Appleton eSchool
  - How will they reach students in our area that we aren't able to reach?
  - How will this be differentiated for families in the area? How will they be informed about making the decision that is best for them?
  - This academy is ALL virtual – there are no in-person teachers or a building based in Eau Claire.
  - Invite superintendent to future meeting to debrief and discuss the consideration of the Connections Academy and ECVS
  - Will students be able to attend the brick-and-mortar ECASD schools through the Career Connections Academy

#### **6. Committee Breakout**

- We did not complete this agenda item at this meeting

#### **7. Adjourn Meeting – Jason Schmitz**

- Motion by Susan Kishel to adjourn ECVS 9.19.23 meeting, seconded by Kelsey Maki. All others approve, motion carries.

#### **8. Future Agenda Items**

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
- School Report/FAC update
- Committee breakout
- 5-year contract renewal
- Annual Meeting
- Roundtable Meeting with ECASD Superintendent