

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

**Date:** 11.16.2021

**Time:** 4:30 P.M.

**Location:** Virtual - WebEx

**Attendees:**

Kaylynn Winnegar	X Robin Becker	X Jason Schmitz	X Andria Rice	
X Susan Kishel	Erik Keisler	X Shannyn Pinkert	X Melissa Crisp	
Mario Medrano	Dave Oldenberg	X Pa Sia Moua	X Andrew Seveland	
X MarLee Johnson	Jim Schmitt	X Keith Stearns	X Kelsey Makl	

**Guests:**

Laura Schlichting

**Notes:**

**1. Public Comment - Shannyn Pinkert**

- No members of the public present for public comment.

**2. 10.19.2021 Approval of Minutes - Shannyn Pinkert**

- Motion by Jason Schmitz - to approve 10.19.2021 ECVS meeting minutes, seconded by Keith Stearns. All others approve, motion carries.

**3. School Report - Laura Schlichting**

- Enrollment
  - Waiting list established for second semester – link to join wait list found on ECASD enrollment page
  - 46 names on waiting list (mostly grades 6 -12 students, a small amount of K-5 students)
  - Only 13 seats currently available, some withdrawals may occur that would open up more seats. Current enrollment cap is due to Pearson’s cost per seat. These seats were purchased at the beginning of the school year. More seats can be purchased from Pearson, but may not be at a lesser cost.
  - Will contact families after fall break for enrollment processes to begin and to fill the vacancies
- Students in Alarm Status
  - Approximately 30 secondary students are approaching or at an alarm status (course completion and/or grades)
  - Sarah McCutcheon, school counselor, is in contact with these students
  - Letter will be mailed out this week to families of students with these concerns by Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- School pictures
  - Pictures were offered at Lakeshore on September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Retake day on November 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Lifetouch did not process orders for ECVS due to confusion with the physical location of Lakeshore and ECVS within the school building.

- Toasty Toes for Winter Sock Collection
  - Wrapping up donation collection
  - Will be donated shortly to a community organization
- December Family Event is being planned by teachers
- Griffin Quarterly name is being changed to The Griffin
  - Will be published monthly beginning next month
  - Will be sent to families and board members
- Family Teacher Organization Meeting – Topics of Discussion
  - Held on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Opt- in family directory for families to connect with one another
  - Revenue source conversation for student events
  - Ideas for engaging secondary students who do not interact/engage with one another
- Senior Meeting Next Week
  - Planning graduation ceremony
- School Phone Number established
  - Will be shared with families and board members when it goes live
- Weather update
  - Snow days – if ECASD has a snow/inclement weather day, that will not impact the virtual school. Students enrolled in ECVS will have class as normal
- Staffing Update
  - Deborah Skalecki and Laura Schlichting provided instruction to Grades 2 and 3 for 3 weeks while searching for a new candidate for the open position
  - A new Grade 2-3 teacher has been hired, Joanna Schuch. She started on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. She had a week to train and has taken over the full responsibility on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Deborah Skalecki was amazing and gave time, support, and extra effort
  - 0.2 FTE was added for Robin Becker, bringing her to a 1.2 FTE
  - ECVS hired a new secretary Cheryl Bengtson, she will start on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at Lakeshore Elementary School, 0.5 FTE
  - Jenna Mattice has continued to be a go-to for ECVS support, questions, and training.
  - Amy Daw has also been a big support.

#### 4. FAC Update – Jason Schmitz

- Fundraising Options
  - Panda Express is an option for schools to connect to for fundraising
- ESSERF 3 – One time fund to support the response to the COVID pandemic – \$12.8 million dollars to be shared district wide.
  - Family representatives took a survey of what funds should go towards
  - 20% must be used towards learning loss (summer school extended day, instructional coaching, interventionists, all levels student support positions, staff development)
  - Options for the remainder of the funds:
    - Preparedness and response
    - Addressing long term school closure
    - Outreach and services for special populations
    - Mental health services and supports
    - Education technology

- Proposed priorities for other needs: mental health concerns, behavioral concerns, family support, technology, and safety. Also, a plan for a safe return and continuity of services.
- Additional counselor time is the request that Laura has on behalf of ECVS. Mental health is a high priority among the parents and the principal.
- Unsure of how the money will be allocated at the moment. ECASD is in the process of figuring out how the money will be dispersed. Do these funds need to align with ESSA funding? Will student enrollment play a role in the distribution of the funds?
- Laura will follow up with Mike Johnson if these funds can be used to increase enrollment numbers at the start of the next semester.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> FAC Representative
  - Laura sent a message to families for a volunteer for a second representative for FAC. There was no interest.
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum
  - K-5 students are using Character Strong curriculum for SEL.
  - 6-12 students are not receiving SEL outside of connections with Laura and Sara. Suggested that funds be used towards mental health services or SEL based on this need.

## 5. Future Agenda Items

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes
- School Report/FAC Update
- No December meeting – Laura will send out the school report via email and we will meet virtually again in January. A meeting may occur in December, depending on the needs of ECVS.
- Motion by Keith Stearns to approve scheduled meeting change, seconded by Susan Kishel. All others approve, motion carries.