

Appleton eSchool Governance Board Meeting 9/13/11

Attendance: Greta Zeimetz, Erik Hanson, Dick Pike, Todd Kadolph, Matt Mineau

We did not have a quorum, so we were unable to vote on action items. We spent our meeting time with the Program Leader Report.

- Matt introduced himself to the group and expressed his excitement to participate.
- We reviewed the Vision from the initial implementation of Appleton eSchool. Erik spent several minutes talking about the vision he had at the start and identified what focus areas may have changed (such as cohorts).
- Discussed the success rate for the 2011 summer, which we all agreed was impressive.
- Erik discussed the attendance in eSchool and how it is distributed across the high schools. Matt mentioned that the distribution of students across the district was larger than other charter schools he was aware of.
- Optional Student/Parent training sessions are scheduled at the same time as other school events such as orientation, etc. This provides parents with the opportunity to ask questions and be involved in eSchool.
- On Sept. 15, there is a kickoff event at the YMCA for the full-time students. There will be some sort of coordinated activity to allow these students to network in a fun and organized manner.
- Erik continues to meet with the school counselors. They all should have access to the online system to track student participation and enrollment.
- Blended learning update.
 - There is interest in making the Personal Financial Management (PFM) course a blended learning course.
 - Kaleidoscope is interested in blended learning.
 - Tesla is incorporating blended learning.
- Dreambox Learning.
 - Erik is meeting with the Montessori School's Governing Board on Sept. 15 to discuss how to get parents connected and involved in the courses/students achievement.
- Wisconsin eSchool Network. New director – John Jacobs. The network is now a 501 (c)(3).
- We discussed the opening on the Governing Board. We discussed looking for an individual with some fundraising experience. Board members should start tapping into their connections.
- Erik announced that the first parent advisory council meeting will be on Nov. 29 via Elluminate from 4-5 pm.