

eSchool Governance Board Meeting - MINUTES

02/06/2018

East High School

1:30-3:00

1:30 p.m. Approval of Minutes:

- December Minutes
 - Rachel Knighten motioned to approve December 2017 minutes, Julie Prudom 2nd...no discussion...Approved Unanimously.

1:35 p.m. eSchool Teacher Communication

- Open time for teachers to share updates (*as needed*)
 - None

1:45 pm. Executive Committee Report

- Charter Renewal (current contract expires July 1, 2018).
 - School Model for eSchool
 - Monica Stage opened up the conversation to the governing board by providing an update about the meeting had with AASD. The executive committee met with Kevin Steinhilber, Dale Hanson, Al Brant, Ben Vogel, Matt Mineau and Erik Hanson to talk about the future of eSchool. Monica explained that the meeting went well and explained how eSchool is in line with the future ready planning process with AASD and agrees that there is potentially value for both eSchool and AASD to continue conversations. Especially in the area of adding value to our students and having quality online and eventually blended learning experiences for our students.
 - Paul painting added comments about how does the niche of eSchool work together to help the larger district and reiterated the future goals of eSchool and the broader AASD may likely be quite similar.
 - Julie Prudom mentioned the importance of preserving and keeping the "ongoing" course enrollments throughout the school year is an important aspect that students and counselors now rely on to help students reach their academic goals and plans during the school year. Things come up and the ability for students to take classes ongoing has become an important option for many students.
 - Billie Sherman asked about what it would look like blending resources with the broader AASD and what would that look like? What is the resource commitment? Is there one? Also, do we continue with investigating state charter grant possibilities? Ben Vogel talked about how the grant window opportunity is not fixed to this year...there will be multiple opportunities to apply if that is something the gov. board may choose to do in the future year or years.
 - Paul Painting talked more about putting together some scenarios on what this may look like as a board as we consider possibilities.
 - Ben Vogel talked about how eSchool currently is an instrumentality of AASD and eSchool is part of the district. He talked about how future conversations would be in regards to how to continue to leverage what eSchool has built and continue to support students and opportunities in AASD.
 - Rachel Knighten asked about 5 year extension versus a 1 year extension. Erik Hanson explained that the current language of the charter contract allows the automatic renewal year by year to continue operating under the current contract. Matt Mineau explained that eSchool had a one year extension before the most recent 5 year renewal.
 - Paul Painting explained to the group that there are really 3 possible options: 1 year (year to year automatic renewal), 5 year contract rewrite or infuse into the district.
 - David Debbink added his agreement that they meeting with AASD was very good and felt good about possible next steps.
 - Erik explained the idea of a Timeline moving forward:
 - December 2017 - Review & Discuss, Input
 - February 2018 - Recommendation for direction on model for eSchool for vote & next step
 - March 2018 - Update on the response from AASD and next steps
 - May 2018 - Update on next steps

1:55 p.m. Program Leader Report

- Current Enrollment Chart and update
 - Erik provided the latest enrollment chart with the current enrollment update. eSchool's current enrollment is 1114 semester enrollments. Erik explained that with the addition of Mindset Mastery, 1114 is an expected number at this point. Erik added that total semester enrollment school year numbers will likely be around 1200.
- Equity Balance Update
 - Erik provided the equity balance update:
 - +196
 - -192
- 2018 Summer Session:
 - Erik provided an update in regards to confirming teaching staff for the summer and that registration begins 3/14/18. eSchool will also be keeping a wait list for the first time as well to help gauge demand beyond registration capacity.
- Happenings: (updates)
- Meeting dates for 2016-17 school year:
 - Sept 12, 2017
 - Oct. 24, 2017
 - Dec. 5, 2017
 - Feb. 6, 2018
 - Mar. 6, 2018
 - May 8, 2018

2:45 p.m. - Action Items

- December Minutes
- 1 year extension (continuation) to eSchool contract (extended contract year to year)
 - - Billie Sherman motioned, 2nd by Julie Prudom...no further discussion...Approved Unanimously.
- Recommend authorization of Executive Committee to form exploration and transition planning team with representatives from AASD and eSchool.
 - -Paul Painting motioned, 2nd by Rachel Knighten...no further discussion...Approved Unanimously.

David Debbink motion to adjourn, Rachel Knighten 2nd...adjourned.

Attendance: Monica Stage, Paul Painting, Rachel Knighten, David Debbink, Julie Prudom, Billie Sherman, Erik Hanson, Matt Mineau, Ben Vogel