

## eSchool Governance Board Meeting - MINUTES

10/24/2017

East High School

1:30-3:00

Welcome new Gov. Board Member Billie Jo Sherman

### 1:30 p.m. Approval of Minutes:

- September Minutes
  - David Debbink motioned to approve the minutes, Paul Painting second....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

- Recommendation for governing board member
  - Rachel Knighten
    - Paul Painting shared the process of meeting with Rachel for a face to face interview with Erik as part of our governance board search and recommendation process. Erik talked about selecting candidates from the application and conducting initial phone interviews with 3 candidates. One was selected for the final interview with a current governing board member. Both Paul and Erik recommend Rachel Knighten be approved as a governing board member for eSchool.
    - Monica Stage motioned to approve the recommendation of Rachel Knighten to join the eSchool governing board, Paul Painting second....no further discussion....approved unanimously.
- Strategic Goals for 17-18
  - Milestone Document Update with Strategic Goals progress
    - Erik shared the new eSchool milestone document showing the progress from the beginning of eSchool, major projection accomplishments and how it connects to where eSchool is today with the current strategic goals.
    - Many governing board members commented on the great work that eSchool has accomplished over the last decade and beyond.
- Presidents Meetings Update:
  - Common Application
  - Next Meeting Nov.
    - Monica provided a quick update as the group will be meeting again in November to discuss. eSchool may or may not fit into the common application and conversations will be had as we learn more.

### 1:55 p.m. Program Leader Report

- Current Enrollment Chart and update
  - Current Graph
    - Erik shared the current enrollment chart showing our current enrollment number of 570 semester enrollments. Erik also shared about adding a linear trend line to the graph to show a possible projected total of around 1150 school year enrollments. That is about 100 more than we had last year.

- *Paul Painting asked about staffing capacity to accommodate the demand and Erik talked about how we have some additional FTE from the addition of mindset mastery and the about 100 enrollments we are currently projected to be over. The mindset class will result in over 200 more semester enrollments as it is a year class (both semesters). Erik explained that we will likely fall short with the current amount of staffing to serve the demand we will see as the year continues. Erik reminded the group that we close enrollments every year and turn away many students because of capacity issues. Erik also explained that this fits into our staffing model conversations that eSchool is currently having with the district.*
  
- Equity Balance Update
  - *Erik shared that the equity balance is currently +9 (+102, -93)*
- Demographic Data now available for 16-17 graduates
  - *Erik shared the demographic data with the group from our last graduating eSchool students that participated around the district. The eSchool racial percentages were nearly in line with all of the measured sub groups. Only one subgroup was an outlier, Hispanic.*
  - *Discussion was had around the data and that it was better than expected. eSchool is serving through blended enrollments (part time enrollments) comparable population to the district averages in the subgroups.*
- Staffing Model Conversations Continue
  - *Erik provided the group with an update explaining that discussions are still in progress.*
- School Model for eSchool
  - Update on investigating possible vehicles for eSchool
  - Met with Odyssey Magellan principal about Magnet option.
  - Charter conversations with DPI and internal experts
    - *Erik presented the Odyssey/Magellan Magnet school Guidebook to the group and shared meeting with the principal.*
    - *Much conversation continued around what is a charter, what is a magnet, what is a program. We are an instrumentality charter school and there are also non-instrumentality charter schools in Wisconsin as well. Ben Vogel explained that everyone has access to apply to a charter where with a magnet, there may be specific populations being served as with Odyssey/Magellan has requirements around scoring a certain test school to quality to be enrolled. This ended up being a factor in why they moved from a charter to a magnet school. Ben also explained that Central High School is now a program rather than a charter. This allows each High School to enroll students into slots at the program. Students are still considered a student of their main or neighborhood high school that they are attending.*
    - *David Debbink shared about Valley New Schools progression from a program to a charter. The charter provided them with the autonomy to preserve their project based learning focus without the schedule of the "main" school overriding their unique education application for students.*
  
- Possible State Charter Grant Opportunities for expansion and replication.
  - *Paul asked about what makes sense for the next "step change" for eSchool to help reach our goals of 80-90% of our graduates to have taken an online course before graduating high school. Does the new charter grant \$\$ make sense to explore? Does it fit into additional collaboration opportunities in North East Wisconsin or the Fox Valley or throughout Wisconsin?*
  - *The group asked Erik to bring a grid aligned to our main topics with how each model may affect each piece of the puzzle.*
  
- Online Course Ready Happenings:
  - Building collaboration support in Wisconsin

- Las Vegas Featured Speaker in November- Erik Hanson
- Seattle Washington Microsoft/IMS Global Event
- Arizona State University in February
  - *Erik shared a quick update about the upcoming events Erik will be participating in thought leadership and specifically around Online Course Ready for Post High School.*
  
- Happenings: (updates)
  - Mindset Mastery Course Update
  - *Quality Matters Professional Development Course*
    - *Offered to eschool teaching staff...3 staff will be participating (including myself).*
  
- 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

**2:15 p.m. - Action Items** (approved above)

- Approve Minutes from September 12.
- Approve recommendation to add Rachel Knighten to governing board.

David Debbink motioned to adjourn, Paul Painting Second...adjourned.

**Attendance:** Monica Stage, Paul Painting, Billie Sherman, David Debbink, Erik Hanson and Ben Vogel.