

October Special Board Meeting - 2024 Minutes

Shanel Valley Academy
10/29/2024 5:30 PMPDT
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Attendance

Absent:

Members: Leslie Barkley, Amy Frost, Bessie Glossenger, Melissa Kendall, Kristi McCullough, Noshie Merlin, Melea Meyer

I. Land Acknowledgment and Moment of Silence

II. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:39

III. Roll Call

Attendance

Present:

Members: Amy Frost, Bessie Glossenger, Melissa Kendall (remote), Kristi McCullough, Noshie Merlin, Melea Meyer

Absent:

Members: Leslie Barkley

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as written.

Motion:

Motion to adopt the agenda as written

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Noshie Merlin. passed by in person vote.

V. Public Comment & Announcements on Non Agenda Items

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda. Although the Board of Directors may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. Individual public comments are limited to 3 minutes. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a member of the public if comments or actions disrupt the Board meeting.

no public comment.

VI. School Updates & Community Announcements

The principal, preschool director and PAC president (Katie) are in attendance to offer community updates.

A. Principal's Report

The principal reported on school events including
Math night - Staff decided not to do the PBL presentations, but will offer other events on camps for family engagement.
Welcoming Schools information night coming up
Indigenous People's day with Sonny Elliot. Students who wanted to share were included as well. They shared what it means to be a dancer.
Book Fair - Gail Ralls our Librarian hosted another great book fair this year. Students loved getting their golden tickets and brag tags
The CEI team (6 of 10 on the team) attended the CEI conference. They established some goals fro the team including empathy interviews and equity data walks int he community. They talked about how we can accomplish goals we have set together in the past. They narrowed down one problem of practice: student engagement.
An offrenda is set up near the front office, families are welcome to add to it.
IReady assessments are underway
Nov. 14 is a pats dinner night
Ms. Cannon is working on DRDPs for our youngest scholars in preschool
PBIS strategies are still in place, Kristi is working with Expanded learning staff to extend PBIS processes to the out of school time programs.
Bear bucks and the BEAR cart are still popular ways to reinforce positive behaviors.
The Expanded Learning program submitted a Scarecrow and so did our first grade. The ELP program won second place.
Fall festival is Thursday. the PAC is supporting.

Jillian added a comment in support of the Math event and noted that she appreciated being able to see students present an idea they are working on and having an activity for parents

B. Preschool Director Report

Lucia shared that they are working on Desired results Developmental Profile, and starting to do monthly check-ups with parents to make sure they have a chance to give any feedback or concerns. Lucia is also working on the logistics and approvals for the playground, she is working with MCOE who is purchasing a new playground area for the state preschool area. we currently have 8 enrolled (1 transferred over to TK). Enrollment is still open, we have enrolled one two-year old since our latest expansion. We have 3 more available spots for two-year-olds. MCOE also announces it regularly, and we have been sharing on FB. Students can enroll as soon as they turn 2.

C. PAC / ELAC Report

Students were excited to get their books from walk-a-thon. THANK YOU PAC for sponsoring each teacher and Tabitha and Laura Canon with \$50 each to buy books for their classrooms.
Fall festival will shift to indoor (since rain is predicted), so they will break into groups: TK-2 first half hour, grades 3-6 will do second half hour, and they reduced some of the games, but kids will still have time to play, cash in their tickets and get back to class.
Playground rep. will be meeting with the PAC to plan the playground project.

D. Staff / Teacher Report

Principal McCullough reported that it has been a difficult start to the year, It has been wonderful having mentoring and support from Leslie. She will be working with teachers on the science of reading to support student achievement in reading. Staff is hoping to have more opportunities to take a deeper look at the curriculum (especially ELA). Megan and Brenda may come to our next board meeting to open the conversation about shifting the curriculum. Family conferences are coming up soon.

Katie (parent comment) added her input that adding in some homework in 4th, 5th and 6th grades could be helpful for preparing kids with time management skills that can transfer to Pomoluta or UUSD.

E. Community Updates & Announcements

Support staff will be attending a training on behavior regulation and Jillian (parent) commented that she was glad to hear that was happening and wishes more parents knew that these kinds of trainings are happening. Kristi responded that she will make sure to communicate messaging around what kinds of training staff are getting and new processes for behavior.

We now have a VAN!!!! we will be working on transportation plans and usage protocols for the VAN as well as other infrastructure updates.

We also have to move forward with the Kubota grant and the CDFA farm to school grant. we will be inviting the community to add their input soon.

Our first step will be to put together a needs list to share out so we can make best use of the resources.

Melissa is working on the purchase for the dishwasher grant.

We also discussed the situation with the roof and suggested that Melissa get a new Quote for priority areas. Katie offered a contact and will reach out to Melissa with the details for Capstone Roofing.

VII. Financial Updates

Brian from EdTec was not present this evening, but Amy gave the BOD a synopsis of the financial updates for October. current financials are based on the latest enrollment numbers. The last budget we approved was based on enrollment assumptions of 138. We are now down to 125 including to UPK students (who are unfunded until Jan). Our 94% attendance rate drops our ADA (average earned daily attendance) to 123.

Based on this, we are operating on a projected income loss of \$168,000 (approx.). Given this scenario we have been cutting back where we can. Despite feeling confident we would hit our enrollment this year, we did not (again). Over the next 35 days we will be making shifts to make cuts. We are required by our authorizer to have a \$65K operating income. this means we need to raise, find and/ or re-allocate more than \$220,000.

VIII. Review and Possible Approval - 23-24 Annual Report

The annual report was reviewed by the BOD over the last week. The report covers a comprehensive look at our progress made in the past year including student demographics, test scores, our updates in CalPads, examples of behavior interventions, curriculum we are using, and interventions. Improvements include chronic absenteeism gains and some improvements in student achievement, though majority of students are still not meeting grade level benchmarks. The report also details ongoing efforts in school safety and school wide achievement goals and student outcomes. The report will

 [working copy SVA Annual Report 23-24.docx](#)

Motion:

Motion to approve the Annual report as written (barring any clerical errors).

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Noshie Merlin. 4 ayes one absent motion approved

IX. Consent Agenda

Consent agenda oncludes September meeting minutes.

A. Approval of Minutes

 [September Regular Board Meeting - 2024 Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion to approve the consent agenda

Motion moved by Noshie Merlin and motion seconded by Bessie Glossenger. Approved with 4 ayes and one absent.

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:07.