

SILA Governance Council minutes from November 16, 2011

1. Meeting called to order by Ron at 1732. Justin absent.
2. Agenda approved
3. Minutes approved by Anne, Sally seconded the motion.
4. Jan is a guest who is a consultant from Rhinelander Charter School.
5. No Delegations
6. Reports

Anne

- Financial Sustainability Committee includes Kelly, Chris, and Anne.
- Discussion about wanting at least one member but consensus would like that member to be within the system.
- Discussion about the role of the Finance Committee. Jan read the objectives of the Finance Committee in Rhinelander Charter School. Discussion about committees redefining the objectives of their committees. A move was made to redefine roles and objectives of each committee.

Ron

- Communications Committee also feels their roles and objectives need to be redefined. Discussion about the role of the communications committee. The committee needs a chairman.

Sally

- Needs volunteer resource.
- Volunteer ideas sent to instructors and holiday volunteer ideas posted in the lounge.

Kelly

- Kelly stated the evaluation of SILA by the parents and students has been completed.
- Evaluation of the instructors has been completed. Results of all the surveys have been sent to board members via email or postal service.
- Kelly has been compiling a newsletter to parents each week. Needs ideas needed in the newsletter that will increase communication between SILA and parents.
- Students are being evaluated by their advisors with the results sent home with the students.
- Received feedback and concerns from traditional classroom instructors.
- All bills are being processed through the high school with the help of our volunteers.

Jenny

- Parent Advisory Board also needs their role clarified. Clarification that the Parent Advisory Board is not a fund raising group. Money raised would be for unexpected items that weren't in the budget or items on the wish list.
- Moved that the Parent Advisory Board keep money separate with an account at First National. \$500.00 will be given to start up the account

7. Continuing Business

- a) October Sam's reviewed. All SAMS completed. Perry is working on the 501c3 status.
- b) Parent Communication- Parents have been receiving feedback from the instructors regarding their student's progress each week. Jenny gave feedback from two parents who are confused about what SILA is. Feedback from the survey also indicates that parents need more information. Decision to have an informal meeting for parents to come in and ask questions about SILA with a small presentation demonstrating the different computer programs. Presentation will occur in December with the date being undetermined.

New Business

- a) Presentation Night- Committee members very unclear of the purpose of the presentation night. After discussion, the purpose was clarified and redefined. The students will showcase their projects, Alex, Project Foundry, and Odyssey. The students will also describe the projects they are working on and describe any needs they may have. After the presentations, the board will meet with the guests to ask for help in the area of resources; time, money, and materials. Mentors and experts are also needed. A consistent room monitor is needed. Kelly will be revising the invitation and receiving the RSVP's from the community. Members need to give Kelly feedback on the revised invitations by the end of Friday so invitations can be sent out.
- b) Student and Parent Survey Results – Parents need more information about SILA. See information about the upcoming parent event.
- c) Kiosk- Partnership with the DNR, Shadows on the Wolf and Mosquito Hill continuing to occur with the building of the kiosk.
- d) Grading for courses outside of SILA- Questions regarding SILA student's grades in the traditional school. Kelly will clarify. Questions regarding SILA student's being in Badger Girl, Badger Boy, or the National Honor Society where the students are staff nominated. Kelly will clarify and take responsibility for this.
- e) Technology- Concerns about all the blocks taken off the internet sites. Many alerts coming in the form of emails about possible improper sites being visited. Kelly volunteered to evaluate the alerts until the problem can be solved. Jan suggested two

possible options 1) asking for a waiver from the board or 2) contacting Heartland about the problem. Discussion about band width and cost through Wisent. Graphs from Wisent can be generated showing when the most amount of band width is being used and when. Ron will follow up.

f) Two people are needed for a statewide convention in Madison on December 1 and 2.

A motion was made to continue to meet the second Wednesday of the month by Anne. Sally seconded the motion. Next meeting December 14 at 5:30 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:00.