



Bethany Community School

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday January 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present

Alan Farrar (remote), David Heller (remote), Jeff Morris, Shawn Bowers (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

David Heller called a meeting of the Governance and Expansion Committee of Bethany Community School to order on Thursday Jan 16, 2025 at 5:01 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Alan Farrar made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 12-03-24.

Shawn Bowers seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Governance

A. Board Application Review

The committee reviewed the updated board application and intends to bring it forward to the full board at the next meeting.

B. Board Recruitment Plan

The committee reviewed an action plan for recruiting new board members and agreed to move the plan forward to the full board at the next meeting.

- January board meeting: announce to board that each member needs to identify 2 potential new member applicants to invite to apply; present talking points to use for describing board responsibilities to potential applicants
- February board meeting: each board member present names of potential applicants, discuss during meeting, send out applications, all applications returned by mid-March
- March governance meeting: review applications submitted, determine applicants to present at March board meeting
- March board meeting: present applicant choices & review with full board; determine which applicant to invite to Meet & Greet in April
- April board meeting: Meet & Greet prospective applicants
- May board meeting: vote on applicants
- June board meeting: bring on new members

III. Expansion

A. Discuss Expansion Progress

Mr. Morris provided an update of plans to move forward with the USDA Pre-Application, coordinated with Megan Coleman as the Foundation representative.

IV. Other Business

A. School Calendar

The committee reviewed a draft of the school calendar for 25-26 and discussed the potential for an early start calendar. The committee agreed with administration that moving to an early start may be beneficial academically but may be too risky financially with first 20 day ADM figures. A notice to stakeholders of at least a year would be

beneficial and it seems appropriate to coordinate that change with future grade expansions. The draft calendar for 25-26 was presented for informational purposes only as the school is still working on it and is waiting to see a draft from RCS.

V. Closing Items

A. Chairman's Remarks

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Morris

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(1) Confidential Student Matters (2) Scholarship (3) Attorney Consultation (5) Contract Negotiations (6) Personnel Qualifications & Performance (7) Criminal Investigations (8) Emergency Plans