

**Governing Board Minutes
December 2023 @9:30 AM
Via Zoom/ in person**

Call to Order: President Dederling called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM. Voting members Palmer, Dederling, Reiter, Mogenson and Mitchell were present. Advisory members Sue Steiner and Randy Koppenhaver were present. Also present were Jennifer Owen and Sarah Scovell-Muraski. President Dederling offered the opportunity for public input. Principal Scovall-Muraski introduced Deb Sixel and Vicmary Molina who are considering joining the board. President Dederling read the new board norms for review.

Secretary Report: On a motion by Elaine Reiter with a second by John Mitchell the minutes as presented by Secretary Palmer and amended by Elaine Reiter were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report: Secretary Reiter noted that there was little change from the October to the November report with the exception of additional wages and benefits being paid out. On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Don Mogenson, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Kiel ESchool Report

Open enrollments continue!

Kiel or OE Students: 29 (+4, -3 for net gain of +1)

Partnership enrollments (full and part time) 80 (+1)

PT and FT enrollments: 110 (+1)

KHS part time enrollments: 135

Last year 12/12

FT/PT Time Students: Kiel eSchool = 135

Kiel or OE students: 12

Between the Lakes Virtual Academy Report

Total: 45 students

23-24 Kiel or OE as of 12/2: 25 (-1)

Partnerships: 20

Total: 46 students 4K-8 (+3)

4K-5: 16 6-8: 29

Offline BTLVA:

22-23 year: 20

23-24 as of 10/2: 51 (+2 pending)

12/12/22 Total BTLVA enrollment: 65 students

Old Business

Finance and Facilities

Annual Report (vote for acceptance) On a motion by Eileen Palmer and a second by Don Mogenson the Annual Report was unanimously approved. [Annual Report](#)

Hiring Update: Special Ed 9-12 and 4K-2 regular ed: Two candidates for the 9-12 grade special education position were vetted. One turned down the job and one is trying to figure out a way to accept it while keeping her current full-time employment. One of the existing special education teachers has agreed to take on new students as the search continues. Interviews continue for the 4K-2 regular education positions. A few promising candidates have submitted applications. The current 3-5 grade teacher who has been taking the 4K-2 students has indicated she could stick it out for the duration of the year if needed, but we continue to actively search for a teacher to fill this position.

New Business

Academic Success

Attendees at SLATE conference/takeaways: This year was the largest group of attendees from Kiel at this conference. There was an increase in the number of high school teachers and almost all of the BTLVA teachers attended. Principal Scovell-Muraski and Jennifer Owen attended as well. All participants are working on populating a shared folder with their takeaways from the training. Attendance by the eSchool teachers was paid for by a grant from the Wisconsin eSchool Network and the BTLVA teachers were supported by our grant.

eTech credits change for ACP/IXL-ACT training for 24-25 school year: Historically high school students who successfully completed 5 eschool courses in a year were awarded one full eTech credit. We used to follow a one-credit-at-a-time model, but now we are following the block schedule such that if students are completing their courses, they earn eight credits per year. They then earn one credit for “free”. Mrs. Owen indicated that this made sense when they were doing more troubleshooting, and the system was more difficult to navigate. Now, she feels they are earning up to 4 free credits during their time. She would like the board to consider moving away from that policy and offer one half credit per year and require some of the soft skills that are required in the College and Career Planning program and the test preparation that is required at Kiel High School. This is still more credits than is offered at KHS, but the students are working more independently and online. She would like consideration to change both the number of credits offered and the scope of work involved. Elaine Reiter suggested the gradual implementation of the new program. This will be an action item in January 2024.

Community Engagement:

New Parent Council representatives (invited to this meeting): Vicmary Molina graciously agreed to serve on the board as a parent representative. On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Don Mogenson, Vicmary Molina was unanimously elected as a new voting board member.

Finance and Facilities

Current Grant Waiver– Due 12/15, this is largely based on original grant data and reflections from our DPI monitoring visit last year to continue to get monies from the previous grant. This has been completed. This cannot be rejected, there is only a revision process if needed.

New Grant to Write – due February but no new details have been forthcoming.

Future Agenda Items

Future meeting dates: 1/11, 2/8, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13

Adjournment: On a motion by Eileen Palmer with a second by Elaine Reiter, there was unanimous support for adjournment at 10:19.