

**Rice Lake Area School District
Northern Lakes Regional Academy
Red Cedar School
33 Ann Street
Rice Lake, WI 54868
Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council
Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

Minutes

- I. Call To Order:** The Northern Lakes Regional Academy Governance Council of the Rice Lake School District met in regular session at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at the Northern Lakes Regional Academy, 33 Ann Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, with Andrew Mommsen, President, presiding.
- II. Roll Call:** Present— Cindy Cragg, Karen Chilson, Jean Havenor, Andrew Mommsen, Pete Peterson, Sue Pederson, Brandon Van Guilder
Absent—Dave Armstrong, James Kiffmeyer, Dave Myre
- III. Notice of Posting:** Pete Peterson announced the following: The Council hereby finds communication and public notice of the open meeting, as required by section 19.84 of the Wisconsin Statutes, had been properly given by the presiding officer's designee, Curt Pacholke. Such a notice and agenda to the official newspaper, the Rice Lake Chronotype, to the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram, the school district website, and to radio stations WJMC and WAQE, indicating the date, time and place of the meeting and such notice was given more than 24 hours prior to the meeting.
- IV. Approval of 5-15-18 Minutes:** Cindy Cragg motioned and Sue Pederson seconded to approve minutes. All present approved.
- V. Open Floor for Guests to Share Concerns/Questions:** No parents or guests were present at this meeting.
- VI. Budget Update:** Sue Pederson reported a balance of \$971.24 after the reconciliation of the unknown Amazon purchases. Pete Peterson stated he will file the 990N EZ form after July 1. This form states that NLRA didn't receive more than \$50,000 in the previous year.
- VII. Staffing Discussion:** Pete Peterson noted that interviews were held on June 19 for the position vacated by Megan Raether. There were 11 applicants and four were chosen to be interviewed. One candidate withdrew prior to the 19th and one did not show up. Depending on reference checks, an individual will be offered a one-year contract. This person has a background in social studies and special education.

VIII. Capital Purchases: Any purchase over \$500 must be approved by the governance council. Brandon VanGuilder motioned and Sue Pederson seconded a proposal to purchase a higher-end 3D printer and supplies for less than \$4000; this money comes from the school's general funding.

IX. School Updates:

A. Graduation—Cindy Cragg spoke about graduation and what a meaningful ceremony it was. She encouraged all governance members to try to attend in the future.

B. Makerpalooza Showcase—The May 24th Showcase was very well attended and using the Pecha Kucha format kept the presentations moving along in a timely fashion. Feedback regarding the evening was very positive.

C. Student Enrollment Update—There was a total of 41 students who were present for the first enrollment count in September of 2017. Some students moved to the Success and Connections programs; two students are moving. At this point it appears that NLRA will have an enrollment of 34 students for the 2018-19 school year (no freshmen enrolled).

D. Red Cedar Building Changes—It has been decided that Montessori will be located in the building for the next school year. Final decisions regarding room assignments will be made by June 22.

E. 2017-18 Learning Goals Recap—

1. English—All 9th and 10th grade students had a reading/writing prompt which was completed three times. The goal was for 80% to receive a 4 or 5 rating on a 5 point scale, with students receiving 1 to 3 points increasing their grade by 1 point. 88.89% of students improved in the area of explaining their writing and 86.77% improving in organization.
2. Math—The goal was for 90% of students to earn 1 credit at 75% mastery. 81.6% of students achieved that goal. Seven students only received a half credit. Unless students work independently out of school, this will be a difficult goal to attain.
3. Presentation—The goal was for 100% of students to participate in one public showcase. This goal was met!
4. Social/Emotional—All students took the Hope Survey in the fall and spring. Students improved in every category relating to staff and student voice. From fall to spring there was an increase in overall “hope”. The area which needs improvement is in student peer relationships. This survey will be administered again next spring.

F. Wolf Ridge Experience—This retreat in northern Minnesota is scheduled for Sept. 12th-14th. Unless there are conflicts with athletics or AP courses, all students are expected to attend. The cost will be \$40 per student with that cost covered if students are unable to pay; this includes food and transportation. A number of parents have already offered to act as chaperones.

X. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

XI. Adjournment: Pete Peterson motioned and Jean Havenor seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:59.

Jean Havenor

Date