

St. Croix Valley Academy of Virtual Education
Governance Council
Minutes
February 22, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Present: Tim Widiker, Stephani Owens, Glenn Webb, Jennifer Nilssen, Susan Roshell, Tammy Merth

Absent: Karen Holman, Joanne Sanders, Bill Rohrbach, Ashley Kemptner, Bruce Kaul

1. Update on the number of students enrolled in the virtual charter school. At this time, we have 86 students enrolled. We are seeing a growth in open enrollment applications with students that have IEP's and 504 plans. We are almost at full capacity with our special education staff for providing students services or accommodations for the year. We released 1 student back to their resident district due to lack of participation.
2. At the January School Board meeting, the Board choose not to limit any seats for the upcoming 2018-19 school year, which provides us an opportunity to continue to accept open enrollment applications only if we have the resources to provide adequate services. Each application is reviewed and accepted based on the needs of the students. Since fall, our enrollment has nearly doubled now in the second semester. Special education applications have also grown and now we are seeing a need to discuss additional staffing for the 2018-19 school year. The choice to not limit seats is only effective for the 2018-19 school year, we will revisit and determine limiting the number of seat again next January.
3. Updates to the student handbook were discussed. The Internet Stipends reimbursement policy changed due to the suggestion made by DPI to reimburse a family's Internet provider rather than reimburse a family directly. Other suggested changes to the Internet Stipends was to reimburse over a 12 month period rather than 10 months at a yearly rate not to exceed \$360.00.
4. ACT Testing update: We have 29 virtual charter students signed up to take the ACT on Tuesday, February 28, and Wise-Keys, on Wednesday, March 1st at the SCC High School. All charter students are required to be there for testing on both days.
5. WI DPI announced an upcoming grant for any new and/or existing charter schools. If awarded, over the next 5 years DPI would help fund any new charter school or the expansion of an existing charter school. Stephanie, Glenn and Tammy will start the application grant process . The goal of the grant will help fund an offsite learning center and increase staff to provide adequate services to the virtual students. Applications are due March 9, 2018 by 4:30 p.m.
6. Next Meeting Date: March 22, @ 9:00 a.m. at the District Office conference room.