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## WORK SESSION

UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**Friday, October 6, 2023**  
**Large Conference Room**

**Board Members Present:** Jake Daggett, Eric Fitzsimons, Ryan Mayeda, Justin Nelson, Jake Pierce, Greg Pierson, Carol B. Riggs, Amanda Widel (Faculty Rep), Scott Williams **Staff Present:** Jennifer Jennifer, David Jones

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### 8:30 A.M. Work Session

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- Call to order at 8:30

#### 2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA - GREG (JUSTIN) PASSED

#### 3.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

##### 3.1 [School and Superintendent Visits](#)

##### 3.2 Board Goals

- Members discuss priorities for the next year. Ryan kicks things off by stating the oversight role of the board.
- Jake P asks about policies, and what the best reviewing process is. Members also discuss the relationship between University and District 6.
- Greg mentions the importance of distinguishing which policies are written by the school, and which policies are shared with the District. That legal

obligation is written in University's Charter. Members also agree that it is also important to write that in a policy or a bylaw.

- Scott's point is to make that information accessible.
- Carol offers the suggestion to review policies that keep coming up in conversation. Members share that different policies are brought up based on current community issues or concerns.
- Jennifer states that District 6 assumes liability for many of those policies which is why University follows many of those policies. She also shares that one of the things the school might move from procedure to policy is personnel. Those situations are handled differently than they are in District 6.
- Greg asks about a policy regarding the allocation of funds. Ryan says that this month's meeting will include discussion about that policy.
- Members share the importance of accountability and that members should be familiar with the current policies.
  
- Eric states the importance of AI awareness, and the changes that it brings. Jennifer shares that there is currently a PLC that focuses on AI and how it should be used in the classroom. He also reiterated the importance of preparing students for the real world after graduation.
- Jennifer mentions that they just finished the strategic plan discussions with high school students. Many students mentioned that they prioritize post-grad preparation, whether that's college or not.
- Members discuss the importance of adding vocational programs and other industrial or trade programs for students. With the current problem being space on campus, Jennifer shares that the drone program was added to provide opportunities for students.
- One of the options is to certify in-house teachers to teach some of these classes. There are several grants in place that could be used for that.
  
- Scott mentions that culturally, teachers are pre inclined to prioritize the college route for graduates. How do we systematically expose students to these opportunities? Jennifer mentions that the middle school is doing a few things already to create opportunities for students. They are adding a few more electives and programs for kids to choose from.

- Members talk about possible field trip opportunities and different partnerships with community programs and businesses. There's a lot of opportunities for University to feed other post graduation programs. Shadowing programs are also important because they let students try out different options.
- The idea was brought up to add a question to the parent survey to ask about occupation and the potential for job shadows.
- The board also plans to meet with Dave Cesna and partner with him to build a network for student opportunities.
  
- Ryan brings up the next point and shares that he is the new interim president to the Foundation. His goal is to re focus them and start raising money. But the larger picture is to create a culture of expectation with our parents. What is expected of you if you bring your kid to school?
  
- There's also a disconnect between the information we provide and what the students actually engage with. The big question is how do we add value to students and give them opportunities that are actually worthwhile.
  
- Ryan brings back the discussion of the financial advisor and who that person would be. Jennifer states that it might be good timing to have that discussion while the board reviews financial policies.
- Ryan shares that it might be a good idea to have a board rep at CASE and CASBY.
  
- Ryan brings up several "what if" questions and wants to review the crisis team's plans. Jennifer mentions the expanded use of the raptor program and their integration with the "i love u guys" foundation. There are several other advancements in that regard as well.
- Ryan mentions the importance of strong relationships between board members and between the board and the school.
- Members schedule the next work session for November 10th and January 12.

#### 4.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 11, 2023

## 5.0 ADJOURNMENT

- MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:17 - JAKE P (JUSTIN) PASSED