

Vanguard Classical School (VCS)
Board of Directors' Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2018

4:30 PM

Vanguard West Campus

MINUTES

Attendance

Board Members: Sherry Eastlund, Judy Ham, Sonja Herrera, Chris Jensen, Lisa Sagaser
Staff: Syed Ahmed, Peggy Downs, Angela Keedy, Judy Trimble
Guests: Terry Glen, Emily Van Luit, Kiera McCafferty

Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM by Board Chair, Judith Ham.
The pledge of allegiance and roll call took place.

Agenda Approval

A motion to approve the January 25, 2018 Agenda was made by Lisa Sagaser and seconded by Chris Jensen. Board members Sherry Eastlund, Sonja Herrera, Chris Jensen, and Lisa Sagaser voted "Aye", and the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes

VCS Board Meeting minutes for November 30, 2017 were reviewed, and a motion to approve them was made by Sonja Herrera and seconded by Sherry Eastlund. Board members Sherry Eastlund, Sonja Herrera, Chris Jensen, and Lisa Sagaser voted "Aye", and the motion carried unanimously.

VCS Board Meeting minutes for January 18, 2018 were reviewed, and a motion to approve them was made by Chris Jensen, and seconded by Lisa Sagaser. Board members Sherry Eastlund, Sonja Herrera, Chris Jensen, and Lisa Sagaser voted "Aye", and the motion carried unanimously.

Honors and Recognition

VCS Staff to be honored with recognition certificates for outstanding performance are as follows:

EAST: Catie Nufziger, Lindsey Henke, Alyssa Howell, Bonnie Drees, Caroline DuBreil, Landon Hedrick, Frankie Xavier, Serena Sanchez

WEST: Sean Brewer, Leah Bateman

Board President Report

Judy Ham reported that we continue to work on our Charter Renewal application and have consulted with our attorney regarding some APS inquiries. We will be adding two more Board members, one from each school, and will be looking to the Admin Team for recommendations. We would like candidates to understand special education and have an education background, if at all possible. We are also considering adding two students to the board, so they can experience and learn governance processes. We also have adopted a more comprehensive Conflict of Interest Policy. We are hoping our Board Members will be able to attend the upcoming APS District Board Meeting now held at 15701 East 1st Avenue, Aurora 80011 Enrollment in Aurora is challenging; ten schools are currently applying for charters.

Judy Ham also reported attending an APS District Meeting and entering into a special education discussion with APS regarding what inclusion really means, at which time we shared our SpEd delivery model. VCS dives deep into how SpEd students can move forward in regular classrooms, thus adhering to our original mission. There is, however, a shortage of professionals, such as Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational therapists, etc., and they may be contracted, but we do have people in place in alignment with our goals. We also will be applying for more grants to hire an additional social worker. All social worker positions funded by our CDE grant are currently filled.

Financial Report

Syed Ahmed indicated that he had no concerns regarding the financials through December 2017, and there is no need to adjust the budget at this time. The Finance Committee continues to meet monthly.

Directors' Reports

Please see attached, as Directors shared extensive information, which was distributed, discussed, required no vote and included the following:

NWEA Winter 17 to Winter 18 Student Growth Summary Reports, a 2017-2018 APS VCS Student Enrollment Longitudinal Overview, recruitment efforts and plans, the 2018-2019 APS School Calendar to be considered for next year, information on Parent and Teacher's surveys upcoming, an update on using APS's Student Privacy and Protection Policy, upcoming Events (also on the website), Parent and Community Outreach activities, monthly Parent Volunteer Meeting updates, marketing and fund raising plans, college prep meetings, personnel activity, a School Accountability Committee report from East and more.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

The League of Charter Schools conference is March 1 and 2, 2018 and Board members were encouraged to attend again.

It was noted that there are no quality Early Education Centers near VCS East.

Public Comment

Due to several public comment attendees, Judy Ham requested a motion to welcome public comments prior to the Board going into Executive Session toward the end of the meeting. A motion to move Public Comments to take place on the agenda after New Business was made by Chris Jensen and seconded by Sonja Herrera. Board members Sherry Eastlund, Sonja Herrera, Chris Jensen, and Lisa Sagaser voted "Aye", and the motion carried unanimously. Judy Ham instructed guests in the process for public comments, and they were graciously received.

Per Statute 24-6402 (4), Judy Ham announced the need to go into Executive Session during this meeting to consider legal negotiations. A motion to enter the Executive Session at 5:50 PM was made by Lisa Sagaser and seconded by Sonja Herrera. Board members Sherry Eastlund, Sonja Herrera, Chris Jensen, and Lisa Sagaser voted "Aye", and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to end the Executive Session at 6:30 was made by Lisa Sagaser and seconded by Sherry Eastlund. Board members Sherry Eastlund, Sonja Herrera, Chris Jensen, and Lisa Sagaser voted "Aye", and the motion carried unanimously.

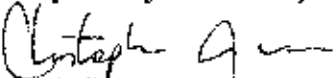
Next Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 4:30 PM in the West Campus Board Room.

Adjournment

All business being concluded, a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 6:32 PM was made by Sonja Herrera and seconded by Chris Jensen. Board members Sherry Eastlund, Sonja Herrera, Chris Jensen, and Lisa Sagaser voted "Aye", and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Chris Jensen, Secretary