

Vanguard Classical School (VCS)
Board of Directors' Meeting

Thursday, November 30, 2017

4:30 PM

Vanguard East Campus

MINUTES

Attendance

Board Members: Sherry Eastlund, Judy Ham, Sonja Herrera, Chris Jensen, Lisa Sagaser
Staff: Syed Ahmed, Peggy Downs, Angela Keedy, Judy Trimble

Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Board Chair, Judith Ham.
The pledge of allegiance and roll call took place.

Agenda Approval

A motion to approve the November 30, 2017 Agenda was made by Sherry Eastlund, seconded by Chris Jensen and passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes

VCS Board Meeting minutes for October 26, 2017 were reviewed, and a motion to approve them was made by Sonja Herrera, seconded by Lisa Sagaser and passed unanimously.

Honors and Recognition

All coaches at both schools were recognized for their quality time spent coaching outside of regular school hours.

Board President Report

Judy Ham commented that funds from the ELPA were received earlier than usual and stated that the financials look strong. We recently participated with the APS Accountability Committee. At that time, questions arose regarding the ACCO VCS Service Agreement. We have reached out to our attorney for a letter of understanding, which we will discuss with the VCS Board. By virtue of the Bylaws, two members of the board are appointed from Ability Connection Colorado, which originally founded Vanguard Charter School.

Financial Report

Syed Ahmed indicated that he had no concerns regarding the financials through October 2017. The Finance Committee will meet monthly. It consists of Angie Keedy, Peggy Downs, Judy Ham and Syed Ahmed and has met and covered a lot of ground, including looking at grants, which may be available for the schools.

Directors' Reports

Directors reported having completed 8 pages of inquiries from APS, which were delivered to them on Monday. Some discussion arose around suspensions and expulsions related to increased numbers at East compared to the year before. We will share suspension data with APS through January. Discussion also arose regarding tardiness, possibly related to charter schools not providing transportation for students. Clarification was requested from the district regarding how other schools handle the challenges of tardiness.

We understand there are more schools applying for Charters currently in Aurora. Our response on our renewal request is expected January 9, 2018.

It was announced that the APS District Board Meetings have relocated to 15701 East 1st Avenue, Aurora 890011 and the next meeting is an Executive Session on January 23, 2018.

It was announced that there is a new food manager at West. We are collaborating with APS and changing menus, which will result in reduced food prices and more complete breakfasts.

Directors' Reports (con't)

West has become a Title I School, starting next year, which will increase the budget @\$228,000 FYE 2019, and will continue to roll forward.

Old Business

The Administrative Team has been doing some policy work; revisions or additions in policies are expected to be shared with the Board in January 2018.

New Business

Clarified was the consideration of adding additional board members before year end. We will be utilizing a process for new member nominations and officer elections.

ACCO is developing an updated Service Contract with VCS and will request input and a review from board members and staff.

Judy Ham announced the need to go into Executive Session during this meeting to consider findings and recommendations from a hearing held for a student. She requested the Board go into Executive Session at 4:55 PM, and the Board reconvened at 5:20 PM. The Chair asked for a motion related to information shared during the Executive Session. A motion was made by Sherry Eastlund to accept the recommendation of the findings from the hearing officer. It was seconded by Lisa Sagaser and passed unanimously.

In addition, a process for evaluating the Admin Team was distributed.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

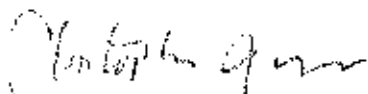
Next Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 4:30 PM in the West Campus Board Room.

Adjournment

All business being concluded, a motion was made by Sonja Herrera, seconded by Chris Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM, It passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Jensen, Secretary