

Vanguard Classical School (VCS)
Board of Directors' Meeting

Thursday, March 22, 2018

4:30 PM

Vanguard West Gymnasium

MINUTES

Attendance

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

Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 PM by Board Chair, Judith Ham.
The pledge of allegiance and roll call took place.

Agenda Approval

A motion to approve the March 22, 2018 Agenda was made by Chris Jensen and seconded by Sherry Eastlund. 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 February 22, 2018 were reviewed, and a motion to approve them with the amendment to add all SPED staff names in the recognition section 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.

VCS Board Meeting Minutes for the Work Session on March 8, 2018 were reviewed, and a motion to approve them was made by Sherry Eastlund and seconded by Chris Jensen. Board members Sherry Eastlund, Sonja Herrera, Chris Jensen, and Lisa Sagaser voted "Aye", and the motion carried unanimously.

Honors and Recognition

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

Mandi Sebastiani-Technology; Kendra Hengel-Art; William Haneghan-Latin; David Balestrini-Music; and Alysa Heilmann-Physical Education; Anna Gaudin-2nd grade teacher

Public Comment

Guests were interested in the process for public comments, and they were received.

Board President Report

Judy Ham commented on the recent Board site visits and meetings with parents and staff over the past few weeks. She thanked everyone for attending. The Board felt that it was worthwhile to share views and experience with everyone. The visits were enlightening and welcoming. She encouraged everyone to keep coming to board meetings and to communicate with the board, because we want to do what is best for your students. She noted that the link is still open for parent surveys. VCS staff will be gone next week for Spring Break, but we will try to get results collated and up after next week. She also commented that we look forward to seeing everyone at VCS events.

A Board member Statement of Agreement was distributed to Board Members.

Financial Report

Syed Ahmed reported that VCS has nearly 1M in the fund balance. The finance committee met today and reviewed the financials for VCS East and West for February, which have been submitted to APS. The committee will be reviewing salaries and costs for curriculum recommendations and their impact on the budget.

Directors' Reports

Peggy Downs presented costs for the Core Knowledge Language Arts Literature Program (CKLA), and the Core Knowledge History and Geography units (CKHG) a well developed, high quality curriculum lined up with Common Core, which includes an assessment component, and is differentiated for ESL students. These have been approved as a pilot program at our last Board Meeting. Peggy then distributed and discussed briefly the Proposed changes to the VCS Secondary Curriculum and reviewed graduation requirements, which are 22.5 requirements with 24.5 electives.

A staff salary proposal for next year was distributed and reviewed. It was suggested that teachers with classical experience also be considered in developing salaries.

Also distributed was a Policy Advisory, which included the Law on Inclusive Education.

Presentation

Members of the Special Education Team presented Vanguard's Continuum of Special Education Services, which included the following:

- An explanation of the innovation model of education that served all students in classrooms with Special Educators and General Teachers in classrooms co-teaching together
- Our Service Delivery Model, including related service providers, such as a school psychologist, a Speech Language Pathologist and Assistant, etc.
- Costs of the program: only a portion is allocated back from APS; Vanguard's financial commitment for additional staff members is far above other charter or other public schools in Aurora.
- There was a change in service delivery of the innovation model in 2016-2107 because of lack of academic progress of students with disabilities and feedback from Special Education teachers that their dual role did not give them enough time to work with IEP students. We added Educational Assistants to work with General Education Teachers, so SpEd teachers could spend more time with IEP students in grade levels.
- Median Growth Data from PARCC Math and ELA for IEP and non IEP students was presented.
- Vanguard is committed to educate students in the least restrictive environment
- Data was presented from federal regulations, IDEA and FAPE along with assurances that VCS meets the vision of the founding organization and federal laws that meet student needs.

Risk Management and Grant Report

Jennifer Peitzmeier and Angie Keedy presented VCS statistics on bullying at VCS based upon a student survey. Also, a complete report of the school professional grant was presented and it was noted that 2 social workers have been hired and we expect to be fully staffed in January.

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

Under Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)e(1), Judy Hum announced the need to go into Executive Session during this meeting to consider personnel issues. A motion to enter the Executive Session at 6:35 PM was made by Sherry Eastlund and seconded by Chris Jensen. 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 7:04 PM 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

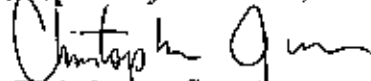
Work Session: Date/Time TBD

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 4:30 PM in the West Campus Board Room.

Adjournment

All business being concluded, a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:06 PM 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.

Respectfully Submitted,


Chris Jensen, Secretary