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River Valley Charter School

Minutes

Committee on Trustees November Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday November 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location

River Valley Charter School
2 Perry Way
Newburyport, MA 01950

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Committee Members Present

A. Fields, A. Ting, C. Getz, C. Martin (remote), E. Bradley

Committee Members Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Ting called a meeting of the Committee on Trustees Committee of River Valley Charter School to order on Wednesday Nov 8, 2023 at 6:01 PM.

II. Committee on Trustees

A. Discussion: Board and committee recruitment for 24-25

Welcomed Ali Fields to the Committee.

CG provided perspective as a founder of the school, as to how the original founding board members were brought together and the idea that they wanted to avoid board membership as a "popularity contest", but rather trustees who brought skills and perspectives that could help guide RVCS.

Would like to cast a wide net, looking for a balance of skills, backgrounds, and experience.

- Looking to recruit trustees from the community at large
- Looking for Trustees already familiar with Montessori
- Alums of RVCS

Keep contact with people who have already reached out with interest about Board Membership and reach out to ask if they would like to get involved with a committee this year. (Dev and Finance).

Need to fill 2-4 spots this year. Perhaps we could try to recruit an alum, a montessorian, and a previous parent.

B. Discussion: Board recruitment procedure/policy

Reviewed current recruitment process. Emphasized that an application for Board membership does not equate to automatic board membership acceptance.

Currently, there is very little guidance in the bylaws as to what would disqualify a candidate. Discussed whether some guardrails should be put into place for full transparency and to demonstrate impartiality. Disqualifying attributes could be: directly

related to a family member already serving on the board, minimum age, disqualifying criminal history.

C. Update CoT committee description

Copies of current COT Committee Description was distributed to committee members. Chair asked that committee members review the descriptions for accuracy. Current committee description was from 2011-2012 school year.

D. Discussion: BoT Volunteer Event

Proposed tasks:

Library Organization

Repair Fencing

Kitchen organizing and deep clean

May need to postpone event.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Ting

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