



River Valley Charter School

Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday August 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Location

River Valley Charter School Middle School Great Room

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The mission of River Valley Charter School is to provide a rigorous academic program based on the Montessori philosophy and rooted in the history, culture, and ecology of the Merrimack River Valley. Students will reach their full potential as scholars and become self reliant and productive members of society. They will be adept at critical thinking and creative problem solving and will be fully prepared to succeed in future schools, careers and civic life.

Committee Members Present

A. Ting, C. Whitford, D. Herrera, E. Bradley

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

K. Kuse

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Herrera called a meeting of the Executive Committee Committee of River Valley Charter School to order on Wednesday Aug 21, 2024 at 7:03 PM.

C. Director 90 Day Check in/ Update

Staff came back today-- felt excellent to have everyone back in the building and connected again.

Staff was very receptive to training offered

Working towards efficiency

Full staffed-- with the exception of School Psychologist.

New speech Path-- [Katie Fournier](#)

Jen Cort is an education consultant in the areas of equity, inclusion, diversity and justice-- flew in from DC and will be giving a training to staff tomorrow about how to handle the election year with neutrality and DEIJ.

D. EC Business

Board orientation this Saturday at RVCS-- 9 to 12! New members, EC and COT were invited.

All new members have been approved by the state and eligible to vote at next meeting.

Board Goals--

Onboarding new director (EC)

Dashboard develop for all committees (All)

Better board time management (COT)

Develop strategy for continued giving (Development)

Policy Organization (EC)

Create/track DEIJ metrics and scores to ensure a fair and inclusive organization (COT)

Shifting in committee chairs and

Governance Check In

Annual Report- submitted on time

Finance Update/Audit- Dave Draper is heading it up. The Finance committee will do audit prep in September and submit for board approval in October. Central source has been moderately hard to work with over the summer and CW has noted a discrepancy .

Tuition dollars came in 8,000 less than anticipated.

SOA (Student Opportunity Act)-

Accountability Plan- provisionally approved. DH will co-chair this committee, EB will shift and attend development meetings and DH will step back from that committee.

Grounds Re-design project--

1.5 million projected cost now-- needs to be phased

Wet lands cannot be re-located

Pond dredging- foundation has allocated this money up to but not \$100,000 actually received in hand for

Greenspace Grant- \$10,000

Lisa Mead- \$375/hour-- planning attorney; approved for 15 hours.

E. Set Agenda for Board Meeting

Parent focus group-- would like to see a director's note back in the Current.

Current is moving to every other week-- director's note will come back and Montessori minutes will be moved there.

Prelim Agenda for BOT 8/28--

1. Board Expectations
2. In Person Introductions
3. FY 25 Board Goals
4. Director's Update
5. Committee Assignments & Leadership Appointments
6. survey link- updated

II. 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 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Herrera

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