

Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Location

2060 Cameron Street, Ventura, CA 93001 Room 20

Directors Present

Adam Meyers, Cecilia Johnston, Deanna Weik, Liz Smiley, Tom Mc Nerney, Tricia McClain

Directors Absent

Eva Oxelson

Ex Officio Members Present

Lisa Hildebrand, Mary Galvin

Non Voting Members Present

Lisa Hildebrand, Mary Galvin

Guests Present

Benny Martinez, Laura Bingham, Tony Biasotti

I. Opening Items**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

Tricia McClain called a meeting of the board of directors of Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education to order on Thursday Feb 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Mission Statement

VCS engages every student in meaningful and supportive learning experiences to grow resilient, educated, and socially intelligent human beings.

Read by Liz Smiley.

D. Approve the Agenda

Deanna Weik made a motion to approve the agenda.

Adam Meyers seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approve Minutes

Tom Mc Nerney made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 01-16-20.

Liz Smiley seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Consent Agenda

--Ratification of attached check register, purchase orders, summary of revenue and expenditures for the month of January, 2020

--Gifts to School: \$441.28:--Skating Plus; Farm Boxes: \$312.00 for January

--Credit Cards: MGalvin:\$478.45 Lisa Hildebrand: \$1771.47

--Approval of the hiring of Ericarose Ruso as substitute teacher.

--Approval of the hiring of Theresa Moraitis as substitute teacher.

--Approval of the hiring of Claudia Wilson as .10 FTE Elective art teacher.

--Approval of the hiring of Keldon Schmitt as .10 FTE Elective PE teacher.

--Approval of the resignation of Dahkotav Beckham as paraeducator.

--Approval of the resignation of Bethany Ellis, teacher on 6/14/19.

Cecilia Johnston made a motion to approve all Consent Agenda items.

Tricia McClain seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

G. Upcoming Events

2/23: Garden Workday 9am

2/26: VCS Lottery 9am

3/12: PAC Meeting 6:30 pm Room 20

3/16-3/19: CCSA Conference in Long Beach

3/26: Board Meeting 6:30 pm Room 20

II. Communications

A. Public Comments

None

B. President and Board Report

Tricia stated she sat in on some 8th grade PHD presentations and will be a Mystery Reader in a 3rd grade classroom.

C. Board Committee Reports

Educational Excellence Committee: Eva Oxelson (Chair), Tom McNerney--Did not meet.

Governance Committee: Deanna Weik (Chair), Cecilia Johnston, Tricia McClain: Deanna reported that the Committee met earlier and continued discussions about alternative leadership models. Several people who expressed interest in joining the Board now have decided to wait.

Finance Committee: Liz Smiley (Chair), Tricia McClain--Did not meet.

CEO Support and Evaluation Committee: Tricia McClain (Chair), Deanna Weik, Cecilia Johnston--Did not meet.

Development Committee: Adam Meyers (Chair), Liz Smiley--Did not meet.

D. Parent Liaison Report

Tony reported that there was no PAC meeting this month.

E. Teacher Report

Laura reported that Kindergarten just celebrated the 100th day of school; the 4th graders are working on their Immigration project and had a staff member come in to share his story of immigrating to the US which was very moving; she also expressed how excited she and the staff are to be accepted into the EL Network of Schools.

F. Directors' Report

Lisa reported that January was busy with the EL Development process and that teachers were learning to use Jump Rope for report cards; she has also scheduled mid-year performance plan reviews with teachers. Mary reported that she has completed Classified employees' annual evaluations; that we are on track to meet our goal of \$40K in annual giving; that so far only 45 parents have completed the online survey. We will be scheduling a HW free night for students to encourage their parents to complete the survey.

G. VCOE Director of Charter School Support and Oversight Report

None

III. Items Scheduled for Information, Discussion, and/or Action

A.

Job Descriptions

Mary requested Board approval for job descriptions:for Elective PE Teacher and Elective Art Teacher.

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the job descriptions for Elective Art and PE Teacher.

Tricia McClain seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. EL Education

Mary presented the EL Board Autonomies Agreement. The Board had concerns about the final bulleted paragraph outlining the level of involvement by EL in the hiring of a new school leader. They recommended changing the language to EL will "provide support" in the process of selecting a new leader.

Liz Smiley made a motion to approve the Autonomies and Support Agreement as amended.

Tricia McClain seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. 2019 CAASPP Scores and Local Benchmarks 2020

Lisa made a presentation of last year's CAASPP scores and current Benchmark assessments.

D. Approval of the 2020-21 School Calendar

Board approval was requested for the 2020-21 School Calendar.

Tom Mc Nerney made a motion to approve the 2020-21 School Calendar as presented.

Adam Meyers seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Second Interim Budget Report

Benny reviewed the Second Interim Budget and requested Board approval.

Cecilia Johnston made a motion to approve the Second Interim Budget as presented.

Deanna Weik seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. School Safety Plan

Mary presented revisions to the School Safety Plan based on input from parents on the School Safety Committee and requested Board approval.

Adam Meyers made a motion to approve the revisions to the School Safety Plan as presented.

Tricia McClain seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Other Business

A. Future Agenda Topics

--Board on Track

B. Board Meeting Check In

Meetings are going well and staying on track.

V. 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 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Mc Nerney

Cecilia Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Deanna Weik seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.