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Minutes

Regular Board Meeting - October

Date and Time

Thursday October 19, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Location

Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education
2060 Cameron Street
Ventura, CA 93001

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

The Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of the public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. We honor our partners in education. We recognize that we are a collective group of teachers, parents, students, and community. We encourage written and verbal communication. Your participation is vital to the healthy operation of our school. Our guidelines:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting and online at venturacharterschool.org
 2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda item(s) or under the general category of “Oral Communications”.
 3. “Public Comments” is set aside for members of the audience to address the Board. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to five (5) minutes each and total time allotted to non-agenda items that will not exceed thirty (30) minutes. The Board may give
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4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your request form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
5. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and affiliation with the School.
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9. Board agendas for regular meetings are posted 72 hours in advance at www.venturacharterschool.org and at 2060 Cameron Street, Ventura, CA 93001.

Directors Present

Cecilia Johnston, Skye Stifel, Tom Mc Nerney, Tricia McClain

Directors Absent

Dominic Aguirre, Liz Smiley

Ex Officio Members Present

Christi Sandbach, Lisa Hildebrand

Non Voting Members Present

Christi Sandbach, Lisa Hildebrand

Guests Present

Isabelle Rhode, Mahika Morin

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Tom Mc Nerney called a meeting of the board of directors of Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education to order on Thursday Oct 19, 2023 at 6:32 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Mission Statement

Cecilia Johnston read the VCS mission statement.

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

D. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting for September, 2023

Skye Stifel made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting - September on 09-28-23.

Tom Mc Nerney seconded the motion.

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

E. Approval of the Agenda

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the agenda.

Cecilia Johnston seconded the motion.

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

F. Consent Agenda

It was requested that the Board approve the Consent Agenda

--**Gifts to School:** \$500 - Blackbaud Giving Fund
\$500 - Dr. Nicole Quinn

--**Credit Cards:**

September:
LHildebrand: \$9,333.32
CSandbach: \$1,52.43

Tricia McClain made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Skye Stifel seconded the motion.

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

G. Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events were presented

--October 17th - 5:30 - 7:30PM - Board Governance Training - See Flyer [here](#) to register

--October 19th - Board Meeting

- October 20th - Teacher In-Service
- October 23rd - 27th - Fall Break
- October 31st - Halloween Parade - 8:30 AM
- November 3, 6, 7, 9 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 10 - No School - Veteran's Day
- November 17th - Feast! - Arroyo Verde Park - Join at 11:30 if you'd like to Feast - Bring your own plates/utencils
- November 22-24 - No School - Thanksgiving
- November 29 - December 2 - EL Education National Conference

II. Communications

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

B. President and Board Report

There was no President or Board Report.

C. Board Committee Reports

The Finance Committee met to discuss the 1st Interim Budget that will be presented at the regular 11/14/23 Board Meeting.

D. Parent Liaison Report

There was no Parent Liaison Report.

E. Staff/Teacher Report

Mahika presented a slide show on Socratic Seminars from Holly Johnson, the 7th/8th grade teacher.

F. Directors' Report

Here is the Assistant Director report presented by Christi Sandbach:

[October_Assistant Director Report.pdf](#)

Here is the Executive Director report presented by Lisa Hildebrand:

[Executive Director Board Report - October 2023 \(1\).pdf](#)

G. VCOE Director of Charter School Support and Oversight Report

There was no report by Marlo Hartsuyker.

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

A.

VCS Academic Data Report

Here is the slide show showing the 2022/2023 Data from CAASPP and Local Assessments.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Gx4ouH7WHhZfMfIQ4X4ZDM1K-AIYvDYDnjJ40Uvbp0E/edit#slide=id.p>

IV. Other Business

A. Future Topics

- Calendar for 24/25
- 1st Interim Budget

B. Board Meeting Check In

The Board checked in on their 2023/2024 Board Goals:

VCS Board Goals for the 2023/2024 School Year

Goal 1: Develop a well-governed organization- Governance Committee (Recruit diverse board members from the community, Develop Short & Long Term Executive Director Succession Plan. CEO Evaluation Committee: Redo CEO Evaluation Survey.)

Goal 2: Students progressing towards the highest level of achievement.

Goal 3: Build community presence/outreach for a sustainable organization (Marketing plan, increase Home School Program enrollment and waiting list, create an online presence, promote VCS as a leader in education in Ventura County.)

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Tricia McClain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Skye Stifel seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cecilia Johnston