



## Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas

### Minutes

#### Regular Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Saturday February 26, 2022 at 11:00 AM

**Location**

7951 Deer Springs Las Vegas, NV 89131

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### **Directors Present**

Ann Diggins, Arlene Hayman (remote), Brin Gibson (remote), Chan Lengsavath, Esq., Dr. Carryn Warren (remote), Elizabeth Kazelskis, Feyzi Tandogan

### **Directors Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant, Dr. Ercan Aydogdu, Jorge Alarcon, Mark Gardberg, Esq. CASLV Legal Counsel, Mark McGinty, Nick Sarisahin

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

Ann Diggins called a meeting of the board of directors of Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas to order on Saturday Feb 26, 2022 at 11:07 AM.

### **B. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

The board took a 5-minute break from 11:49 am to 11:54 am and a lunch break from 12:54 pm to 1:22 pm.

## **II. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approval of the October 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)**

Ann Diggins made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 10-27-21.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

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

### **B.**

**Approval of the December 6, 2021 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)**

Ann Diggins made a motion to approve the minutes from Emergency Board Meeting on 12-06-21.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

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

**C. Edgenuity License Extension (Information)**

Vice President Gibson asked to pull this from the consent agenda.

Mr. Ercan explained this was approved at a previous board meeting for 1 1/2 years, however the central office academic team renegotiated. The new 6 month extension will cover the remainder of the current school year. Mr. Gibson asked if there's hard copy text available to students or if it is all online? Mr. Ercan explained this program is for students that have been approved for remote learning. This is an information item only. After the consent agenda motion, this item was discussed further. Mr. Gibson asked if this is only for online students, and Mr. Ercan confirmed it is. Mr. Gibson asked for input from Dr. Warren about this and having hard copy text is quite helpful, and not having them could cause learning gaps. This program will be reevaluated for the 2022-2023 school year.

**D. Report of Purchases and Expenses Between \$10,000 and \$25,000 (Information)**

**E. Amendment of Champions Agreement (For Possible Action)**

**F. Amendment of CASLV Lottery Policy (For Possible Action)**

**G. Purchase of Refrigerators and Ovens for Cadence Campus (For Possible Action)**

Recommended Vendor: Costco Business Center,\$41,549.91

**H. Purchase of Chromebook (For Possible Action)**

Recommended Vendor:EdTech101, \$83,745.00

**I. Internet Line Upgrade for Sandy Ridge Campus (For Possible Action)**

**J. Carpet Tile Installation for Centennial Hills Campus (For Possible Action)**

Recommended Vendor: National Flooring Group, \$48,173.10

**K. Final Organization Performance Ratings Report (Information)**

Ms. Diggins said these items are straightforward and asked if there is anything the board would like to pull out to discuss separately. Mr. Gibson said he would like to pull the Edgenuity License Extension. Ms. Diggins said we will pull that item and discuss.

Ann Diggins made a motion to approve the action items in the consent agenda (items A-K) including the minutes, purchases, agreements, and policies.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

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

### **III. Discussion/Possible Action Items-Governance/Policies**

#### **A. CASLV Governing Board (For Possible Action)**

Board Development Plan. New Policy:

Ms. Diggins explained she met with Ms. Hayman and Ms. Kazelskis regarding this proposed idea. They discussed possible options for board involvement such as monetary donations, donation of time or expertise, attending school events, or volunteering with the school. Ms. Hayman thinks it will make our board members more vested in the school. It was discussed that it will be defined broadly to have some accountability.

The board will discuss having an annual scholarship that would be given to a graduating senior. Mr. Tandogan recommended creating a Governance/Development Subcommittee. Ms. Diggins asked if the board is in agreement with creating a new committee. Ms. Diggins thinks some items that fall under the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee would fall under governance and development. The goal is engagement and increasing participation from the board members. Ms. Diggins recommends calling it a working group, and by the September 2022 meeting, set some goals for the board for the coming academic year.

Ms. Diggins made a motion to create an informal, non-deliberative working group on governance and development and she volunteered herself to chair the group and asked to include Ms. Hayman, Ms. Kazelskis, Dr. Warren, and the newly elected board member. This working group will present in September the proposed goals. Seconded by Beth Kazelskis.

Board Candidate Interview Assessment and Election:

Ms. Diggins explained the interview process and reviewed the rubric scores with the board. Candidates with financial experience and active CPAs received the highest evaluation score based on CASLV's needs. Ms. Diggins asked for the members to consider Mr. Lengsavath. He has a good background in finance and reporting. Mr. Tandogan agreed. Ms. Kazelskis said he stood out to her via his resume but she did not interview him and noted that the board needs someone with a finance background.

Ms. Diggins would like Mr. Ercan to send a thank you letter to each candidate and keep resumes on file. There may be opportunities they are qualified for in the future.

Mr. Gardberg explained this is a 2-month appointment and informed the board they can re-elect Mr. Lengsavath in May for two years, up to a maximum of 8 years. No formal

nomination process is necessary, but he suggested Ms. Diggins call them all nominated and then vote/poll one by one, the majority wins. Mr. Gardberg added that if the board member that is elected is at the meeting today then he may serve immediately.

Mr. Gibson asked to abstain from this item due to a personal relationship.

There were 5 votes for Mr. Lengsavath.

Ms. Diggins asked Mr. Lengsavath if he would like to serve throughout the remainder of the agenda, and he agreed.

Ann Diggins made a motion to add Mr. Lengsavath to the CASLV board.

Mr. Gibson abstained.

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

## **B. Employment of New Staff Member (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Diggins excused herself from the meeting for this item and turned chair duties over to Ms. Kazelskis. Ms. Peevy asked for the board to review this item and vote on the hiring of John Diggins for a school teaching position at the new Cadence campus. Ms. Peevy explained that he is the spouse of Ms. Diggins. It was noted that Mr. Ercan excused himself from any decision-making in hiring Mr. Diggins. The decision to hire Mr. Diggins was made by Ms. Peevy and Mr. Eraslan, Cadence Campus Principal. If this is approved today then we will send it to the Nevada Department of Education (NED) for final approval.

Mr. Gibson asked what the State Public Charter School Authority's (SPCSA) stance on this is, and Mr. Gardberg explained the process. Once the NDE approves this, the SPCSA will need to approve it as well. However, there are no concerns. Mr. Gardberg also indicated that Ms. Peevy will handle all issues involving Mr. Diggins including reviews and compensation.

Brin Gibson made a motion to approve the employment of John Diggins (subject to recusal).

Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.

Ms. Diggins abstained from this item.

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

### **Roll Call**

Elizabeth Kazelskis	Aye
Brin Gibson	Aye
Feyzi Tandogan	Aye
Chan Lengsavath, Esq.	Aye
Arlene Hayman	Aye

**Roll Call**

Ann Diggins	Abstain
Dr. Carryn Warren	Aye

**C. Discipline Appeals Policy (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Ercan explained past procedures regarding the expulsion process. The new changes require CASLV to delegate three people from the central office to be on a discipline committee. It was proposed that the Executive Director, SPED Director, and Director of Operations make the decision for expulsion on behalf of the board. Should the parent choose to appeal the decision of the discipline committee they have the right to appeal to the board and will be granted a hearing. It was discussed that the board will make the final decision if there is an appeal from the parent/guardian.

Mr. Gardberg said there has to be an appeals process and said it will work very similarly in practice. The designee is not a part of the three-person committee. It was advised by Mr. Gardberg that CASLV makes sure there is always an appeal in front of the board for the full board process. Ms. Diggins said it makes sense for this to come to the whole board. Mr. Ercan informed the board of the guidance information he received from the State Public Charter School Authority.

Ms. Diggins asked if more specifics about the appeals process can be included. Mr. Gardberg will work with Mr. Ercan on the wording and this will come back to the March 26 board meeting.

Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to approve the policy as preliminary with the expectation that legal and central office will work together to make it a uniform and cohesive document that also includes the original expulsion system, a flow chart, and new appeals process. The understanding is that changes will be coming at the next meeting. Subsequent motion: Mr. Tandogan made a motion to appoint the Executive Director, Special Education Director, and Director of Operations as the central office committee with Mr. Gardberg's involvement, seconded by Ms. Kazelskis.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

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

**D. Investment Policy (For Possible Action)**

Per Board's request, the central office drafted an investment policy. Mr. Gardberg reviewed the policy and noted the act governs what trustees do. Mr. Gibson asked how much debt should be able to be covered with reserves, and Mr. Nick said it is up to the board.

There will be more discussion regarding the amount to invest and it will be determined by the board. Mr. Gibson added that we need to be very cautious.

Ms. Diggins asked for a sense from the board about this policy and asked if there are enough safeguards as written. Mr. Lengsavath likes the idea of a minimum threshold. Mr. Gibson is in favor of an investment policy if we are going to invest. He is wondering if we should as there are some policy questions. The Finance and Facilities subcommittee will meet before the next board meeting and come back to the board with recommendations.

This item was tabled to the March board meeting.

**E. Student Records Retention Policy (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Ercan indicated CASLV does not have a student records policy in place. Mr. Gardberg helped draft the policy. The policy identifies the type of records to keep on file as well as the length of time the records will be kept. Ann Diggins made a motion to approve the Student Records Retention Policy. Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**F. Amendment of the CASLV Community Outreach Plan (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Ercan explained this is part of the Cadence campus condition for approval of the campus and was approved at an earlier board meeting. The State Public Charter School Authority said they would like to see more from us. We have expanded various measures, all to increase targeted outreach. The central office has been canvassing going door to door, and more applications are now coming through.

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the amendment of the CASLV Community Outreach Plan.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

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

**G. Amendment of Employee Handbook (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Ercan summarized the changes which are to increase the rate for substitute teachers. The base amount for in-house substitutes is increasing from \$90 to \$115 and for long-term substitutes, the increase is from \$110 to \$130. The prep time payment was also increased to \$25 per hour. This is effective March 1st, 2022.

Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the amendment of the employee handbook effective March 1, 2022.

Arlene Hayman seconded the motion.

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

**H. 2022-2023 School Year Academic Calendar (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Ercan proposed two school year academic calendars, one for Cadence and one for the other six campuses. The State Public Charter School Authority advised us to have a

later start date for Cadence due to the construction of the new Cadence campus. We should receive the Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy 30 days prior to the first day of school. CASLV Cadence campus start date will be August 15, 2022, and all other CASLV campuses will start on August 9, 2022.

Arlene Hayman made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 school year calendar for the Cadence campus as well as the other six campuses.

Elizabeth Kazelskis seconded the motion.

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

**I. Amendment of the 2021-2022 School Year Plan to Include the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Ercan explained the State Public Charter School Authority required this and it addresses the requirements by the Governor. Ms. Diggins asked about testing onsite and Mr. Ercan confirmed we have testing in place at each campus.

Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the amendment of the 2021-2022 School Year Plan to include the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan.

Chan Lengsavath, Esq. seconded the motion.

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

**IV. Discussion & Possible Action Items- Contracts, Purchases, and Procurements**

**A. Amendment of Better 4 you Meals Agreement (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Nick indicated this is for the National School Lunch Program and due to current supply chain shortages and inflation, the meal vendor is proposing a temporary price increase per meal in order to continue to provide quality meals and services.

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the Amendment of the Better 4 You Meals Agreement for the remainder of the 21/22 school year.

Chan Lengsavath, Esq. seconded the motion.

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

**B. Amendment of Kelly Education Agreement (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Peevy indicated she, Mr. Nick, and Mr. Ercan met with Kelly Services and they did a data analysis to compare what other schools in the area are paying for substitute teachers. CASLV needs to increase rates to be more competitive with other schools. Mr. Lengsavath asked if Kelly Services is our only provider. Ms. Peevy explained we are working on another company as an alternative when needed. Ms. Hayman said there is a huge shortage of substitute teachers and additional compensation might help. This is effective March 1, 2022.

Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to approve the amendment of the Kelly Education Agreement.

Arlene Hayman seconded the motion.

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

**C.**



**Wildflower Therapy Services, LLC Agreement (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Ercan explained CASLV has been working with United Testing Services (UTS) on SPED services; however, sometimes they have challenges. We might need additional services at other campuses. It was noted that Mr. Gardberg has reviewed this.

Ann Diggins made a motion to approve the Wildflower Therapy Services, LLC Agreement.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

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

**D. Furniture Orders for Cadence Campus (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Nick explained we received three quotes, and the lowest is Hertz Furniture. The total amount is \$458,725.22. It is the TIPS (national purchasing cooperative) awarded contract amount.

Arlene Hayman made a motion to approve Hertz Furniture in the amount of \$458,725.22 for the Cadence campus.

Ann Diggins seconded the motion.

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

**E. Selection of Landscaping Services Company (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Nick indicated due to the addition of the new Cadence campus we did public bidding and Yellowstone Landscaping is the recommendation.

Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the Yellowstone Landscaping Services in the amount of \$4,201 per month.

Arlene Hayman seconded the motion.

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

**F. Selection of Janitorial Services Company (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Nick indicated we did public bidding and there were five bids received. The lowest is CCS which is the company currently providing janitorial services. It was discussed that CASLV is happy with their services and they are the lowest bidder.

Arlene Hayman made a motion to approve the CCS contract to continue to provide janitorial services in the amount of \$443,952.

Chan Lengsavath, Esq. seconded the motion.

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

**V. Discussion/Possible Action Items-Finance/ Facility**

**A. Change Orders for Cadence Construction (For Possible Action)**

Our Cadence project architect, Mark McGinty, and Jorge Alarcon from CORE Construction presented and indicated the project is at 38% completion. They are working through a few challenges with the City of Henderson, and have not secured the building permit. They have been through these challenges before and are confident they can work through them. It was discussed that CASLV contracted with CORE Construction at end of

August but the building permit was not in hand until December 15th. There was a lapse over what the City of Henderson asked for and it was not in the plans thus requiring the proposed change orders. The scope of work is being modified.

Mr. McGinty and Jorge Alarcon gave detailed explanations for each change order and indicated the total amount is \$382,272.92. Mr. Gardberg thanked CORE for continuing to bargain as much as they could. It was also discussed that there may be more additional costs for the landscaping and fencing. Mr. Ercan indicated they are negotiating with the City of Henderson.

Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the Change Orders for Cadence Construction in the amount of \$382,272.92.

Brin Gibson seconded the motion.

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

**B. Nevada Energy Contract for Cadence Construction (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Ercan explained this is for the developer fee. \$14,000 was pre-approved by Ms. Diggins, but the cost could increase. The amount is an estimate since we do not know the final number. It was noted that Mr. Gardberg reviewed the agreement.

Ann Diggins made a motion to approve this agreement up to \$58,000 and said this can come back to the board if Nevada Energy requests additional funds.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

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

**C. Building Commissioning Services for Cadence Construction (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Nick indicated CASLV received three quotes and UNVC is the lowest quote. Mr. McGinty explained that the building commission assures that what is being delivered is required from the building department.

Ann Diggins made a motion to approve this contract with UNVC for building commissioning services of the Cadence campus in the amount of \$44,900.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

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

**D. Health Insurance Renewal (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Nick indicated quotes were received from CASLV's insurance broker and an annual increase is around 4%.

Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the health insurance renewal with Health Plan of Nevada.

Chan Lengsavath, Esq. seconded the motion.

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

**E. Approval of Investment Broker/Dealer and Investment Amount (For Possible Action)**

This item was tabled to the March board meeting.

**F. Selection of Financial Audit Company (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Nick said there are 13 approved CPA firms by the Nevada Department of Education. We attempted to reach out to all of them. Some declined and some did not respond. The current financial audit company provided a quote in the amount of \$27,000 per year which is Mr. Nick's recommendation.

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to select Ellsworth and Stout for the financial audit company in the amount of \$27,000 per year for three years.

Chan Lengsavath, Esq. seconded the motion.

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

**G. FY21-22 Budget Amendment (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Nick said the amendment is based on current enrollment, grants, salaries as well as online and textbook amounts, and Series 2021 bond cost of issues.

Mr. Nick asked the board for any questions. Ms. Diggins said this looks very clear.

Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the 21-22 budget amendment as presented.

Chan Lengsavath, Esq. seconded the motion.

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

**VI. Information/Discussion Items**

**A. Update on Mask Mandate at Campuses (Information)**

Mr. Ercan updated the board that face coverings are not mandatory at this time which is included in our mitigation plan. As of December 27, 2021, the quarantine days were revised from 10 to 5 days.

**B. Nellis Campus High School Project Update (Information)**

Mr. Ercan explained that there were three applicants for this high school RFI from Nellis AFB. The AFB leadership approved our application and we met with their leadership team. In the initial meeting, they reviewed the next steps and application details. They will amend the existing lease for 50 years. In regards to the timeline, they are not expecting construction soon. We will submit our charter amendment request for approval to the State Public Charter School Authority. We have discussed adding only 9th grade to the existing building, 100 students, and the following year adding 10th grade. We will check with parents if their students would be interested in dual enrollment at the Community College of Southern Nevada. There are currently 900 students of Nellis Air Force families attending local high schools. We are reviewing the financial impact and these are the initial plans. Ms. Diggins asked what impact this will have regarding adding a high school to our Centennial Hills campus. Mr. Ercan added there is a strong need for a high school for our Centennial Hills campus as well.

**C.**

### **CASLV Campus Update From Centennial Hills (Information)**

Mr. Serdar, CASLV Centennial Hills Campus Principal, presented the campus update. Mr. Serdar gave an update on basic school information. They have a 31.49% Free and Reduced Lunch Rate. 1600 new applications were received for the 22-23 school year for only 148 open seats. After-school clubs and tutoring offerings were presented. They are offering a booklet for students with the after-school club's options available to them. Mr. Serdar also discussed professional development, assessments, Donors Choose funds received, and campus events. The Fall Harvest Festival raised \$6,000. The Centennial Hills campus has surveys in place and MTSS & Intervention Time. For MTSS, they have incorporated Coral cash which motivates good behavior and academic success. Their intervention time includes Saturday school, counseling services, and incentives are based on behavior. Mr. Serdar discussed the upcoming book fair and plans for reading week which will include special guest readers. They had a Science Fair and open house simultaneously in person and on campus so prospective families could engage with current parents and view science fair projects. Their Kids Heart Challenge raised \$8500. They have a Fun Run in March with goals for a shade structure. They also have a virtual meeting in place for families to receive updates and more.

Ms. Hayman offered to be a special guest to read to students during reading week. Mr. Ercan noted there will be site visits from the State Public Charter School Authority the week of March 7th. There will be a focus group to include board members.

### **D. State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) Financial Framework (Information)**

Mr. Nick presented the financial framework and noted that CASLV met all of the standards last year and indicated enrollment was not rated due to COVID. Ms. Diggins thanked Mr. Nick for all his hard work behind the scenes.

### **E. Financial Update (Information)**

Paul Khoury with DMS presented the update and reviewed basic metrics, current liabilities, and current ratio. Revenues are coming in strong at 68%, CASLV is in a very strong financial position.

Mr. Khoury indicated DMS is in the final stages of testing its dashboard. There will be an open feed from their database that will update hourly. They are testing it now to make sure it is working properly and thanked the board for their patience.

### **F. Executive Director's Progress Report (Information)**

Mr. Ercan discussed CASLV's accomplishments and important information regarding students and school clubs with the board.

- Final Organization Performance Rating: Mr. Ercan explained these are our final ratings and we met the standards 100%. Mr. Ercan thanked Mr. Nick and his team.
- Best of Las Vegas: CASLV received Gold for Best High School, Best Elementary School, Best Middle School, and Silver for Best Charter School.
- Bowling team received 2nd place at State Championship: The boys bowling team went to the NIAA State Championship and got second place. Congratulation to Christopher F. for winning the individual state championship.
- 225 students achieved 4.0 GPA in semester one at Sandy Ridge: The students were recognized with a lunch event at the Sandy Ridge park with their teachers.
- The Great American Challenge at Eastgate: 5th-grade students at the Eastgate Campus excelled at learning. Honorable Judge Sciscento and COH Councilwoman Michelle Romero joined us in the celebration.
- VEX/VRC Team got 4th place in the State of Nevada: Eastgate VEX/VRC Team 10058a placed 4th out of 29 competing schools during the alliance rounds as well as driver and autonomous skills. They made it to the second round of eliminations. VEX Team 10058a Macho Mangoes is also ranked 456 out of 1600 competing middle school teams worldwide and 4th place in the state of Nevada.
- Archery team will go to the state tournament: Archery team participated in its first NIAA State Tournament Wednesday, Feb. 2 at the South Point hotel. Tristan D. ranked in the top 10 for 11th-grade boys. Hanna T. ranked in the top 20 for 8th-grade girls.
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Summit: Sandy Ridge students attended the 4th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Summit on January 14th, 2022 at Las Vegas City Hall in downtown Las Vegas. Alex D. was awarded a certificate of completion for the Teen FBI Program. Stephanie R. won a gift card for \$200 for being the most enthusiastic. Aditya Y. was awarded \$100 for being the fastest to complete a coding challenge.
- Sandy Ridge Robotics 1st place at FIRST Technical Challenge: Sandy Ridge Robotics got first place at the FIRST Technical Challenges (FTC Robotics) Southern Nevada Regional Championship. Besides getting first place in the robot game, they also broke Nevada State's record by getting the highest points(207).
- Sandy Ridge Robotics team got 3rd place at the regional league championship!
- Las Vegas Sun: "CASLV Eastgate's enthusiastic young engineers ready to put robot to the test": CASLV Eastgate's First Lego League club, from left, Melike D., 4th grade, Jasmitha N., 5th grade, Aise D., 6thgrade, Ayla B., 4th grade, Ryan Banks 6th grade, Elijah Beltran, 5th grade and Jacob Dwyer, 4th grade, posed for a photo Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021.
- CASLV Windmill Robotics Team placed #3rd in the top event out of 33 teams: They also finished 10th overall in the skills challenges. They also won the Design Award and qualified for Regional Championships in March.

- First Lego League placed 2nd in the State of Nevada: Eastgate FLL (First Lego League) the team placed 2nd place in the State of Nevada and also won the robot design award.
- CASLV Eastgate Campus named one of the top Middle Schools in the State of Nevada: CASLV Eastgate Campus was named the best 6th Middle School in the State of Nevada by US News & World Report! We celebrated our students, staff, and parents for all of their hard work in making our school the #6 Middle School and #7 Elementary School in the State of Nevada!
- Sandy Ridge Campus held its annual Career Fair: Mr. Ercan reviewed photos from the career fair.
- Assemblywoman Claire Thomas from Assembly District 17 in North Las Vegas visited CASLV Nellis AFB Campus.
- NAQT team completed the state championship and won: CASLV Sandy Ridge NAQT team completed in the Middle School NAQT state championship and won 1st place. The kids swept the competition, winning all six games, with no losses. This win allows the team to compete at the national level in May in Chicago.
- Math League Press: CASLV Math Team participated in the Math League Press where students competed in the 21 States and did a great job. This was the third test and our school received the overall top score in Nevada and the top sixth school in those participating 21 States. We are proud to announce that CASLV students Victor P. and Colin K. got the perfect score on the last test.
- Mathleague.org Qualifying Contests: CASLV Math Team participated in Mathleague.org Qualifying Contests and the following students were qualified to compete in the State Championship.
- Mr. Ercan reviewed a video that was created for teacher recruitment.
- CASLV Nellis AFB for Nevada Purple Star Award: CASLV Nellis AFB Campus achieved the Nevada Purple Star School status by continuously exhibiting a major commitment to serving military-connected students and families, while also being a large contributor to the overall wellbeing of the Nellis AFB community.
- 36th Annual Happy Times 2022 Calendar Submission: Congratulations to CASLV Sandy Ridge student Giselle M. for winning submissions to the 36th Annual Happy Times 2022 Calendar. Silver State Schools Credit Union (SSSCU) showcased 13 winning art submissions from talented students across the valley.
- CASLV Eastgate Campus VEX VRC Team 10058a placed 22 out of 42: Congratulations to the Eastgate Campus VEX VRC team and Coach Mr. Shiver! CASLV Eastgate Campus VEX VRC Team 10058a placed 22 out of 42 competing Highschool Teams and they were able to walk away with the Build Award. The team is now ranked 280 out of 916 middle schools as of yesterday.

- CASLV Tamarus Campus recognized as the #1 Elementary School by US News & World Report: Mr. Ercan shared a video of a KTNV Channel 13 Action News segment "Coral Academy Tamarus campus named the top elementary school in Nevada".
- "Colors of the World, Celebration of the People" Festival at CASLV Sandy Ridge Campus: Mr. Ercan shared a photo from the event.
- Four-Year Cohort Graduation Comparison: Mr. Ercan reviewed the highlights of Nevada's graduating class of 2021!
- The Debate Team competed in the NIETOC bid tournament and did a great job: Congratulations to the Debate Team and Coach Ms. Sloan! Students competed in the NIETOC bid tournament and did a great job. Kris D. took 1st place in #Domestic Extemp, Alex D. and Prachi S. took 1st place in Duo, Sophia O., and Enessa O. took 3rd place in Duo, Mikaela M. took 5th place in Dramatic Interpretation, Maria S. was a quarter-finalist in Original Oratory. Several students earned a bid to the National IE Tournament of Champions in Houston in May.
- CASLV Eastgate Campus collected \$1,794.45 for "Dimes for Diabetes": Great job CASLV Eastgate family! Together we collected \$1,794.45 for "Dimes for Diabetes." The Nevada Diabetes Association was happy to come to collect our check donation! Pictured below are Tasha Thatcher from NDA, CASLV Eastgate Principal Mr. Eraslan, and Kaiden, an Eastgate student with Type 1 Diabetes.
- Our Students Partnered with USAP Nevada to pack 1400 hygiene kits: Special thank you to CASLV Students from the National Honor Society. They partnered with USAP Nevada to pack 1400 hygiene kits for women, men, and youth in need within our community.
- The Varsity Girls Volleyball Team: The varsity girls Volleyball Team capped off an amazing season by winning the Charter School (total of 10 schools) Championships. With a perfect 6-0 record throughout the tournament, our girls proved to be the best Charter school in the valley.
- Importance of Conserving Water: CASLV Windmill Campus hosted Molly Delandsheer, Leah Weisman and Claire Woodward for an amazing assembly for all students on campus. Students both had fun and learned about the importance of conserving water, the journey of the Colorado River, and how we are all connected with many cities, states, and communities through the Colorado River.
- Ofrenda: CASLV Sandy Ridge Spanish teacher Ana Belen and her students built an ofrenda and learned about the traditions associated with Dia de Los Muertos. Students and staff brought in photos to honor people in their life. The representation fosters cross-cultural connections because it centers around the universal topic of death.



- Best High Schools in Nevada: CASLV #1 Best High School in Henderson #1 Best High School in Nevada (Not Selecting Students based on Academics) #5 Best High School in Nevada. Stacker compiled a list of the Best High schools in Nevada using rankings from Niche. CASLV is the only HS in the top 5 which is not a magnet or private.
- CASLV Cadence Campus Update: Mr. Ercan shared recent construction photos with the board.
- 2022-2023 Applications and Open Seats by campus: Mr. Ercan reviewed the current application and open seat numbers.
- Staff Vaccination Report: Mr. Ercan reviewed the current staff vaccination report.
- Next Meeting: March 26 at 11 am in-person at Sandy Ridge.

## **VII. Privileged & Confidential Attorney/Client Conference**

### **A. The closed session was from 3:34 p.m. to 3:42 p.m.**

There was no discussion.

## **VIII. Potential Action(s) (For Possible Action)**

### **A. No action taken**

There was no discussion.

## **IX. Public Comments (Information)**

### **A. There were no public comments.**

There was no discussion.

## **X. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Ann Diggins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Feyzi Tandogan 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 3:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant