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Veritas Preparatory Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday August 27, 2020 at 4:30 PM

Location

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85221051016?pwd=YUNZdHdPNElRSWhDL0RCYW8vUWJJQT09 Meeting ID: 852 2105 1016 Password: 442346 One tap mobile +19292056099,,85221051016# US (New York)

Trustees Present
A. Errichetti (remote), A. Mendelson (remote), D. Ford (remote), D. Fuller (remote), D. Janes (remote), G. Moody (remote), J. Crowell (remote), L. Doherty (remote), M. Landon (remote), R. Martin (remote), R. Sela (remote), T. Gabinetti, T. Maxey (remote)

Trustees Absent
None

Guests Present
J. Castrillon (remote), Lily Newman (remote), R. Romano (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

D. Janes called a meeting of the board of trustees of Veritas Preparatory Charter School to order on Thursday Aug 27, 2020 at 4:30 PM.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Janes called a meeting of the board of trustees of Veritas Preparatory Charter School to order on Thursday Aug 27, 2020 at 4:30 PM.
J. Crowell, Terry Maxey and Aaron Mendelson arrived late, just following the approval of the minutes.

C. Approve Minutes

L. Doherty made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 07-23-20.
M. Landon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Errichetti	Aye
D. Janes	Aye
T. Gabinetti	Aye
L. Doherty	Aye
M. Landon	Aye
R. Sela	Aye
A. Mendelson	Absent
D. Fuller	Aye
D. Ford	Aye
G. Moody	Aye
T. Maxey	Absent
J. Crowell	Absent
R. Martin	Aye

D. Approve minutes from special meeting

L. Doherty made a motion to approve the minutes from Reopening Plan Approval on 08-12-20.
M. Landon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Martin	Aye
G. Moody	Aye
M. Landon	Aye
J. Crowell	Absent
D. Fuller	Aye
R. Sela	Aye
D. Ford	Aye
T. Gabinetti	Absent
A. Errichetti	Aye
T. Maxey	Absent
L. Doherty	Aye

Roll Call

A. Mendelson Absent

D. Janes Aye

Introduction from Lily Newman. Lily shared her personal and professional background with the board. Her role as Director of High School Design is to lead an inclusive design process. Her unique experience is going to contribute to our high school design.

Lily talked about the process for forming the design team and some of the design features we anticipate building out once we have our team in place to inform them. The Board is super excited for the concept that we have for the High school and Lily invited their questions. Lily explained the importance of providing a "bridge" for the students in the transition between High School going in to college and the benefit of early college programming. She described some of the important things to look for and vet in an early college partner. Question about if we will provide internships or other pathways for students who may not choose college. Lily talked about how to include internships into the curriculum and design, there are challenges but it is possible.

Lily asked trustees to share their hopes and fears about the high school. Matt Landon talked about the importance of dissemination and creating a program that isn't so unique it can't be replicated elsewhere. Dale Janes asked about attrition assumptions and how we will compete with larger high schools, how we will ensure we have enough students to meet our enrollment numbers. Lily talked about the need for strong counseling department and mental help support and needs for students and enough guidance to support students around their individual needs and goals.

The trustees thanked Lily and share their enthusiasm about having her on our team.

II. Governance

A. FY21 Goals

Governance Committee reported that the committee drafted goals for the year and will share them out with the board in September. Reminded other committees to draft goals for FY21 and be ready to share at the September meeting.

III. Finance

A. Monthly Financials

First month of our Fiscal year and all is going well. The audit is done, it when really well. The auditors will present the report to the finance committee in September and Denise will present the final results in the October meeting.

IV. Academic Achievement

A. Update from the chair

Rebecca shared that the committee had a deep discussion around specialized student populations and historically marginalized learners. Jonathan Swan, Director of Student Services attended the committee meeting to share more about his work regarding IEP's and 504's and how student services look during remote learning.

V. Executive Director Report

A. Reopening Update

School start on September 15th.
We are working a lot on the attendance and be prepare for the start of the year.
Profession and development is happening in both schools.
We are still working on where the teachers are working on remotely if the are going to the school or if they are doing from home in a professional way?
The importance to have excellent communication with the students, teachers and parents.
Providing a Communication campaign using our website and school social media.

B. High School Update

Facility:
Working on finding our own space for the high school, or getting a temporarily space. In addition to the RFP to solicit space that we can lease or own, we are exploring the possibility of co-locating on a college campus. This could provide a lots of opportunities, but at the same time we have a lot of things to consider and what is best for the students and the long term viability of our high school.

VI. 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 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Romano