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Veritas Preparatory Charter School

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Zoom Meeting

Date and Time

Friday January 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM

Location

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Committee Members Present

A. Mendelson (remote), D. Fuller (remote), R. Romano (remote), T. Moran (remote)

Committee Members Absent

X. Delobato

Guests Present

N. Gauthier (remote)

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Fuller called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Veritas Preparatory Charter School to order on Friday Jan 13, 2023 at 2:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

D. Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 12-09-22.

A. Mendelson seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance

A. Onboarding Folder Documentation

The committee discusses the documents included in the onboarding folder on Board on Track. The documents that were sent to the committee members would serve as important anchor documents for a new trustee to review.

Rachel asks what else are we missing?

David asks if there is anything more particular to Veritas that we could include?

Rachel says we did include the Annual Report from last year.

Davis asks if that includes the academic data from last year?

Rachel says yes.

David asks if Michael Freeman has received any of this?

Rachel says that is the next step - what else should Michael, for example, be reviewing or what else does he need to know?

Rachel suggest the most recent Charter Renewal report from DESE could be helpful.

Nikki mentions the Board's current strategic priorities.

Aaron thinks a new trustee should understand what a charter school is and how we are different from the public school system.

Rachel says there used to be a document about the history of charter schools and why they came to be - we can look for that.

Rachel mentions we could get rid of accountability guidelines. (Rachel deleted in real time).

Rachel says we could organize this folder in a few different ways like creating several different folders.

- 1.) "About Charter Schools"
- 2.) "Charter School Governance and Accountability"
- 3.) "Veritas Prep Charter School"

We can also organize within the folders themselves.

David says in terms of rolling this out, we should provide a new trustee with these documents as soon as they are approved to be a member of the Board.

Tom is wondering if there could be a welcome letter from Rachel and the Chair of the Board included that serves the purpose of introducing the resources contained within the folder. He also mentions creating a frequently asked questions document that addresses common questions about charter schools. (MCPSA document myths vs. facts - also include the document on the finance piece).

Aaron says this folder is almost a marketing piece that could also be used in other places. He could envision this as a packet we could hand out to new trustees and potentially a broader community (i.e. parents).

Tom suggests recording our parent information sessions and putting them on the website.

B. Finalize FY2023 Goals and Vote

Aaron asks about adding the following to the first goal: creating a strategy to build a college advisory and develop strong counseling supports for our students.

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associate's degree by graduation, will be highly sought after in the tech field. Many companies in this field will then also pay for their continuing education if it is necessary.

D. Fuller made a motion to approve the Governance goals for FY2023.

T. Moran seconded the motion.

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C. Capacity Building for Early College Model and Career Pathways

Skills assessment - we can look at what Xiomara sent when we get to this topic at a future meeting. We could potentially talk about this as part of an intake process.

Save the remaining topics for the next meeting.

III. 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 3:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Fuller

Documents used during the meeting

- Governance Committee Goals FY2023.docx

- Early College Presentation 22-23.pptx