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## Veritas Preparatory Charter School

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Friday May 27, 2016 at 8:15 AM

**Location**

Veritas Prep Charter School board room or Dial-in number: 866-848-2216, Conference Code: 7783935205

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**Trustees Present**

A. Martin, A. Mendelson, C. Wistreich (remote), D. Fuller, G. Moody (remote), L. Abbate, L. Doherty, M. Sweet, R. Holmes (remote), S. Alston, T. Gabinetti

**Trustees Absent**

*None*

**Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened**

C. Wistreich, G. Moody, R. Holmes

**Guests Present**

Charles Alves, D. Raymond, Melisa Grandison, Noel Petrolti, R. Romano

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

A. Mendelson called a meeting of the board of trustees of Veritas Preparatory Charter School to order on Friday May 27, 2016 at 8:15 AM.

**C. Approve Minutes**

L. Abbate made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 04-29-16 Board Meeting on 04-29-16.

T. Gabinetti seconded the motion.

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

**D. Meet 8th Grade Teacher**

A. Mendelson introduced Melisa Grandison, 8th grade teacher. She introduced herself and discussed her background and what brought her to Veritas Prep. R. Romano commented on Melisa's experience in the classroom at Veritas Prep. A. Mendelson commented on his observation of her classroom and teaching.

G. Moody arrived.

R. Holmes arrived.

**II. Finance**

**A. April Financials**

A. Gabinetti opened the discussion on the statement net position for April highlighting cash. He discussed the statement of revenue and expenses. Enrollment will be added to the columns. R. Romano commented on the projections.

**B. FY17 Budget**

A. Gabinetti discussed the budget highlighting changes from the last version discussed in the April board meeting. Discussion around projections from enrollment, personnel, and health insurance.

M. Sweet made a motion to approve the FY17 as presented.

L. Abbate seconded the motion.

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

**C. Facility Update/Facility Purchase Budget**

M. Sweet opened the discussion on the facility. The appraisal has been completed and received. He highlighted next steps and timeframe, and financing considerations. He presented a preliminary project budget for a facility purchase. He provided clarifications on certain line items. L. Doherty asked about financing in the face of our renewal. M. Sweet commented on the feedback he has received from our consultant.

C. Wistreich arrived.

**III. Academic Achievement**

**A.**

## **5 Year Plan**

R. Romano opened the discussion on potentially expanding to a K-8 school exploring the questions of "How will we expand the program without impacting or jeopardizing our current program?" and "How will expansion help us to solve current challenges?". She commented on adding a leader in residence focused on the expansion. She commented that a K-8 program could impact students earlier in their lives. There are short term gains on current challenges but there will be new challenges arising. L. Abbate commented on changing the terminology describing special education/students with disabilities. R. Romano is undecided on the plan. S. Alston commented on clarification on why we start the expansion with kindergarten and not 4th grade. R. Romano commented that it is still being reviewed. D. Fuller commented on the transient and mobility rate of the area. R. Romano commented on the plan for enrolling students and backfilling seats and the impacts on the current program and also expected impacts for an expanded program. Discussion around the culture to keep kids in our school. R. Romano commented on the information she received from her meeting with a representative from the Charter School office. She commented on revisiting other plans for the school. Discussion around a request for more seats and how to expand. M. Sweet would like some flexibility and timing with on-boarding a new leader. R. Romano proposes that a new plan be created for expanding middle school and then a K-8 expansion at a later date. M. Sweet commented on the decisions that need to be made and the timing involved for all of them. R. Romano provided information on proof/provider criteria and where we stand and what are the challenges. R. Romano will prepare a plan and proposed vote to the June Board meeting.

## **IV. Governance**

### **A. Status of Board Nominations**

L Abbate provided an update on the nominations of new board members.

### **B. Officer and Committee Chair transitioning for FY18**

L. Abbate discussed transitioning new leaders. He will also discuss the need to review the meeting schedule for all of the meetings. He also mentioned voting on officers and committee chairs and members in the June meeting.

## **V. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

S. Alston made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

L. Doherty seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously 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 9:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Doherty