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Vida Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday September 25, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Trustees Present
C. Bowen, D. Marritz, G. Murry, J. Arnold, J. Brandauer, L. Leonard, R. Rahman

Trustees Absent
F. Dutrisac, M. Rosenberger

Ex Officio Members Present
M. Davis

Guests Present
J. Cann

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

Kathy Hewitt
Maribel Gonzalez

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Brandauer called a meeting of the board of trustees of Vida Charter School to order on Monday Sep 25, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

C. Announce executive session

Josef Brandauer announced that the board held an executive session from 5:30-6:25 for the purposes of discussing confidential legal and personnel matters.

D. Approve Minutes

Don Marritz noted that the name "Keller" needed to be added to "Mary Grace," a guest in attendance at last month's meeting.
C. Bowen made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 08-28-17 Board Meeting on 08-28-17.
D. Marritz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Call to Public

Maribel Gonzalez, current math teacher at Vida, presented data showing student's progress in reading and math over the last year. Reading data results show marked improvement, while math data held steady. The data showed a general upward trend for all students and that student attrition accounted for the drop in student math performance. The current math team, under the leadership of Martha Davis, has devised multiple strategies for improving math scores for next year. Some initiatives include mapping high performance classrooms, focused interventions at math stations during class time, and after school math clinics to help struggling students. They also stressed the importance of helping our language learners learn the language of math and processes.

F. Executive Director's report

Ms. Davis presented the Director's report. She focused on strategies to improve student achievement. She noted that her team is striving to level students upon their arrival at Vida so that focused interventions can begin right away. She also reiterated several math intervention strategies in the works. She also discussed current strategies to improve the amount of time and frequency that Vida's students are exposed to Spanish language input. Victor Fonseca will be hosting several events in the coming weeks and months to help students and their families acquire more Spanish.

G. Operations Director's Report

Jeff Cann presented the Operations Report, noting that the hustle and bustle of the first few weeks of school has begun to lessen. The ongoing challenge of finding adequate substitutes is being addressed and there are currently 4 applicants for substitute teachers in various stages of the hiring process.

II. Finance

A. Approve August monthly Financials

L. Leonard made a motion to approve the August 2017 monthly financials.
C. Bowen seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

F. Dutrisac	Absent
R. Rahman	Aye

Roll Call

J. Brandauer	Aye
J. Arnold	Aye
C. Bowen	Aye
M. Rosenberger	Absent
L. Leonard	Aye
D. Marritz	Aye
G. Murry	Aye

III. Governance

A. Review Orientation Activities for New Board Members

none

B. Approve quarterly report

J. Arnold made a motion to approve the monthly Governance Report as recommended by the Governance Committee.
R. Rahman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Board retreat update

Jeanne Arnold reviewed plans for the upcoming Board retreat. It is slated for October and will be held at Gettysburg College on a Saturday and more details are forthcoming.
Topics of discussion will include review of Sunshine Act requirements and best practices for Board communication.

IV. Personnel

A. Personnel report - LiU contract approvals

This item was tabled for next month.

B. Executive Session

D. Marritz made a motion to move into executive session at 7:39pm to continue discussion of confidential legal and personnel matters.
C. Bowen seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

The board moved out of executive session at 8:25pm.
R. Rahman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

J. Arnold 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 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Leonard