

VMCS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Wednesday, February 10, 2021)

1. OPEN GENERAL SESSION

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order 5:00 p.m.

Procedural: 1.2 Establishment of Quorum

Roll Call	Present	Absent
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	

Procedural: 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Action, Procedural: 1.4 Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Farukhi	Second: Anderson	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Procedural: 1.5 Public Comment -- None

2. PARENT REPORTS

Reports: 2.1 School Site Council (SSC) Report by Parent Representative -- Christina Selstad reported for SSC. She shared what had been reported by Nguyen regarding the ELAC Meeting, as well as the discussion led by Schroeder regarding the COVID-19 Safety Plan (approved by SSC), Schoolwide Title I Plan (approved by SSC), and challenges with parents signing up for the Aeries Parent Portal.

Reports: 2.2 English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Report by Parent Representative -- America Rodriguez reported for ELAC. She shared the discussion of the possibility of reopening to in-person instruction in March, as well as the need for a change in start time at one of the campuses to permit dropping off primary and upper grade scholars from the same family.

Reports: 2.3 Family and Staff Team (FAST) Report by Representative -- Yvette LaValle reported for FAST. She discussed what Cook and Nguyen had put together for Black History Month, celebration of the Lunar New Year, distribution of Valentines with February Learning Packets, and the upcoming Read Across America festivities. Many leaders in Anaheim will be virtually partaking in the VMCS Read Across America event with a sharing of their role in the City of Anaheim, as well as the reading of a book.

3. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)

Minutes: 3.1 January 13, 2021, Board Minutes

Recommended Action: Consent section items are for routine matters that do not require discussion or deliberation by the Board. The consent calendar permits the Board to approve multiple items by one action. All Board members have the right to remove a consent item from the consent calendar so that normal discussion and deliberation may take place.

Motion: Rhee	Second: Nelson	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT -- DEBRA J. SCHROEDER

Action: 4.1 COVID-19 Safety Plan -- Submitted draft of plan to Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) and California Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC). It was returned by OCHCA with a standard note that it was incomplete. Resubmitted and awaiting final approval. The staff is onboard for restarting. Any employment gaps caused by having two campuses can be filled. Survey of parents currently trending 60% in-person and 40% distance learning. May change. Canceled Parent/Teacher Conferences to provide time for transition. Biggest controversy is the nasal vs. mouth swab for COVID-19 testing of scholars and staff. We will be prepared to reopen with Board's approval when case count is below 25/100,000. Recently went from 39 to 29.

Reports: 4.2 Status of Alternative Site for Reopening with Physical Distancing -- Zion as temporary site is still in the works; response is slow regarding paperwork. Still need material revision from AESD.

Action: 4.3 Schoolwide Title I Plan -- Discussed the difference between a Title I Targeted Assistance Program vs. Title I Schoolwide Program. Under the advisement of a consultant, was established as Schoolwide when school first opened in 2015 based upon percentage of families qualifying for Free/Reduced Meal Program. Because VMCS has always been well above 50%, qualified to be identified as a Title I Schoolwide Program. Icon indicated that a report needs to be completed to support this designation -- Schoolwide Title I Plan. The plan is being submitted for VMCS Board approval.

Action: 4.4 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) -- Body of SARC has been presented to VMCS Board previously. It is now presented in its complete form, and it is also translated into Spanish.

Action: 4.5 Hiring of TOSA for STEAM and PBL for 2021-2022 -- Has been a difficult position to fill because of the unique role that this TOSA would play. VMCS has recruited a strong candidate who is willing to come on board for the 2021-2022 school year. Would like to offer contract based on Board's approval.

Action: 4.6 Board Policies for Review -- Opportunity for questions provided. No questions were asked.

5. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN -- 251 scholars currently enrolled. 313 currently on waiting list, with 68 at preschool age for 2021-2022 school year. In the midst of recruiting with the support of Jennifer Centa and Yvette LaValle.

6. COORDINATOR REPORT -- YVETTE LAVALLE

Action: 6.1 Safe School Plan -- Has been shared with and approved by the School Site Council. Few changes from the previous year, when a complete rewrite occurred. There has been a consolidation of some goals, and there was a need to add a section on the safe storage of firearms by families. This additional requirement will be fulfilled with the registration packet.

7. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- ROY KIM

Reports: 7.1 School Reopening & Expanded Learning Grant Update -- Discussed Newsom's proposed state budget, including grant funds for reopening to in-person instruction and providing additional instruction through expanded learning. Has not been approved yet, and there are two proposals -- AB 10 and AB 104. At this time, there are no actions to take. With the December financials, trending low on expenses. There is approximately 3 million in equity. Financials continue to be very healthy.

8. AD HOC FACILITY COMMITTEE REPORT -- FAREED FARUKHI & ROBERT NELSON

Information: 8.1 Outreach to Church Location -- Report provided by Robert Nelson. Sent letter to local church with a facility that might meet our school's criteria. Has been unresponsive. Also visited Vista Academy as an example of a facility completed with the guidance of Red Hook. Other possible areas in Anaheim explored, with a need to stay within the boundaries of AESD. Early stages in exploration.

Information: 8.2 Discussion of Next Steps -- Will be covered in the agenda for March.

9. ACTION ITEMS

Action: 9.1 COVID-19 Safety Plan

Recommended Action: RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors ratifies the COVID-19 Safety Plan, which has been submitted to the Orange County Health Care Agency and California Department of Public Health on February 1, 2021, after receiving feedback from stakeholders. modified VMCS Board Bylaws to ensure the smooth governance of the school. RATIONALE: To enable VMCS to reopen as soon as it is considered to be appropriate, it is important to submit any required paperwork. This is in spite of mixed messages just to keep all options open.

Motion: Anderson	Second: Farukhi	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	

Item Passes – Vote: 5/5
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:

Action: 9.2 Schoolwide Title I Program

Recommended Action: RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approve the Schoolwide Title I Plan, which is a requirement. RATIONALE: With the guidance of Icon School Management, it was determined that there was a need to develop this plan in order to implement a schoolwide approach to Title I funding.

Motion: Hernandez Figueroa	Second: Nelson	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Action: 9.3 School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

Recommended Action: RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approve the completed School Accountability Report Card (SARC). RATIONALE: The completion and posting of the SARC is a requirement for all schools.

Motion: Farukhi	Second: Hernandez Figueroa	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Action: 9.4 Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) Hiring

Recommended Action: RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approve the hiring of a TOSA who will focus on STEAM and PBL during the 2021-2022 school year. RATIONALE: The candidate is a highly qualified teacher who specializes in these areas.

Motion: Anderson	Second: Rhee	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Action: 9.5 BP Smart Phone (Electronics) Ban

Recommended Action: RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approve the Smartphones (Electronics) Ban Policy. RATIONALE: This policy has been implemented by VMCS, but has not been formally adopted by the Board.

Motion: Hernandez Figueroa	Second: Farukhi	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Action: 9.6 BP Social Media Data and Postings

Recommended Action: RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors adopt the Social Media Data and Postings Policy. RATIONALE: As more scholars are involved in social media, it is necessary to monitor its use in cases when there is inappropriate behavior, such as cyberbullying.

Motion: Nelson	Second: Hernandez Figueroa	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Action: 9.7 BP Uniform Complaint Policies and Procedures

Recommended Action: RATIONALE: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors adopt the Uniform Complaint Policies and Procedures Policy, as well as the documents that support its implementation. RECOMMENDATIONS: This is a mandated policy that must be adopted for every school.

Motion: Hernandez Figueroa	Second: Rhee	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Action: 9.8 Safe School Plan

Recommended Action: RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approve the VMCS Safe School Plan. RATIONALE: This plan had a major revision in the 2019-2020 school year, but it required some minor revisions and additions this school year. This document is revisited each school year and must be posted March 1.

Motion: Farukhi	Second: Nelson	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

10. BOARD COMMENTS

Procedural: 10.1 General Comments -- Schroeder discussed a future agenda item to provide a stipend for the additional work the staff has done during the pandemic. Also, there may be a need for a Special Board Meeting to reopen once final approval is received from the OCHCA and the case count is below 25/100,000.

11. BOARD ADJOURNMENT -- 6:28 p.m.

Motion: Nelson	Second: Rhee	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	

Rhee	X
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5	
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:	

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

Information:

12.1 Notifications

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