

VMCS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Wednesday, January 12, 2022)

Generated by Debra Schroeder on Thursday, January 20, 2022

1. CLOSED GENERAL SESSION

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order 5:02 p.m.

Procedural: 1.2 Establishment of Quorum for Closed Session

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

Procedural: 1.3 Public Comment -- Closed Session Agenda Item(s)

None

Information: 1.4 Conference with Real Estate Agent

An update was provided on the Seller's response to our offer on the First Presbyterian property in Anaheim.

2. OPEN GENERAL SESSION

Procedural: 2.1 Call to Order 5:11 p.m.

Procedural: 2.2 Establishment of Quorum for Open Session

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

Procedural: 2.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Action, Procedural: 2.4 Approval of the Agenda

Action, Procedural

Motion: Nelson	Second: Anderson	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Information: 2.5 Reporting of Closed Session

During the closed session, the Board discussed the latest counter-proposal offered by the First Presbyterian Church regarding the property in Central Anaheim.

Procedural: 2.6 Public Comment

None

3. PARENT REPORTS

Reports: 3.1 School Site Council (SSC) Report by Parent Representative

Yvette LaValle reported for the SSC. At the SSC Meeting on January 6, 2022, Dr. Schroeder discussed the vaccination clinic held on campus and the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). Yvette LaValle presented the Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP), with a focus on the elements that had been changed. The SARC and the CSSP were vetted by the SSC members in preparation for the January VMCS Board Meeting.

Reports: 3.2 English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Report by Parent Representative

Chammarra Nguyen presented for the ELAC. There continues to be an effort to reach out to the parents of English Learners to increase their participation in ELAC. A survey will be developed to determine best day and time for meetings, as well as a preference for in-person and virtual meetings. Additionally, using Hernandez Figueroa's idea, the parents will be asked if a challenge is the lack of technology at home (Chromebook and/or Internet connectivity).

Reports: 3.3 F.A.S.T. Report by Parent Representative

Yvette LaValle reported on the success of Snow Day as a PBIS reward. Each class had 45 minutes to play in the snow, as well as visit the various booths and drink hot chocolate. Additionally, the next F.A.S.T. event will be a drama production with a concession stand.

4. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)

Action (Consent), Minutes: 4.1 December 8, 2021, Regular Board Meeting 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: Hernandez Figueroa	Second: Rhee	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT -- DEBRA J. SCHROEDER

Information, Reports: 5.1 School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

The Board Members were provided with a copy of the SARC as it is currently written. There continues to be multiple gaps due to a delay in information provided by the California Department of Education. However, it keeping with the mandated due date, the Board was presented with what was available.

Discussion, Reports: 5.2 Civil Rights Data Collection Report -- District and School Level

This is a bi-yearly report that needs to be completed by all districts. This was submitted ahead of schedule during the month of December.

Information, Reports: 5.3 Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021-22 Local Control and Accountability Plan

This mandated report is unique to this school year and is due to the additional state and federal funding that was provided after the development of the 2021-2022 LCAP. In addition to the report, there is a requirement to publicly report on the budget associated with these additional funds and data linked to the goals.

Information, Reports: 5.4 Budget Report for Additional Funding

Karen Kahler from Icon School Management was in attendance at this meeting instead of Roy Kim. She provided budgetary information in terms of income and expenses for the extra funds. This information was contained in a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board. The Board was provided with an opportunity to ask any questions.

Information, Reports: 5.5 Attendance, Academic, Intervention, and After-School Program Data Reports

Debra Schroeder presented data on the attendance of the scholars. Attendance prior to the Winter Break was not strong. But, it has become even lower after the return from the Winter Break, primarily because of Covid-related absences due to cases and close contacts within families. Chammarra Nguyen shared data from the beginning of the year iReady Assessments in reading and mathematics. This was also broken down into the subgroups of English learners and Special Education. Scholars demonstrated reduced growth in comparison with previous school years, largely based on the challenges of distance learning. For comparative basis, the iReady Assessments will be administered again in February. While the Teachers on Special Assignment (2) are meeting with groups of struggling scholars and English Learners, their Tier III intervention is frequently disrupted due to the need to have them serve as guest (substitute) teachers. The After-School Program data was unavailable.

Information, Reports: 5.6 Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CCSP)

Yvette LaValle is the primary author of the CCSP. She shared that the plan remains strong, and only a few changes were needed. The specific changes were discussed, as well as awaited feedback from the Anaheim Police Department. Feedback has been received from the Fire Marshall.

Information, Reports: 5.7 Interim Budget Report

The Interim Budget Report was presented at the last Board Meeting. However, it was erroneously missing as an Action Item. Therefore, it is on the agenda for a second time. It will be recommended that the Board ratifies the Interim Budget Report since it had to be submitted to Anaheim Elementary School prior to this Board Meeting.

6. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN

Information, Reports: 6.1 2021-2022 School Enrollment

The school continues to be fully enrolled, with classes ranging from 26-32 scholars.

Information, Reports: 6.2 2022-2023 Recruitment Efforts and Results

January marks the initial month of recruitment. Currently, there is an advertisement on Facebook, and refinement of the webpage, and surveys sent to current families. Upcoming events include a presence at the School Choice Event at the Santa Ana Zoo and the Black History Event in Downtown Anaheim. There will also be a door-to-door effort in the neighborhoods close to the school. The goal is to fill every seat for the 2022-2023 school year.

Information: 6.3 Staff and Scholar Testing Procedure after Winter Break

Prior to the Winter Break, Covid-19 testing occurred every Friday. After the Winter Break, there was a transition to Monday testing to reduce the number of close contacts. Approximately 10 scholars are not tested due to the parents' lack of permission. Staff members take tests home weekly and self-administer the day prior to returning to work. This is typically on Sunday in preparation for Monday.

Information: 6.4 Covid-19 Case Counts and Close Contacts

The numbers change on a daily basis, and have been higher than ever after the Winter Break. Information is tracked using a database called SPOT, as well as internal spreadsheets.

Information: 6.5 Changes in Isolation and Quarantine Procedures

The changes to procedures provided by the California Department of Public Health and the Orange County Health Care Agency were discussed. The Board also received the documents supporting the procedures.

7. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- Karen Kahler

Information, Reports: 7.1 November Financials

Karen Kahler presented the financials via a PowerPoint Presentation. The budget for VMCS remains strong.

Information, Reports: 7.2 State and Federal Additional Funding Report

This report was shared during the presentations associated with the Addendum to the 2021-2022 LCAP.

8. ACTION ITEMS

Action: 8.1 School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors accept and approve the School Accountability Report Card (SARC), with the understanding that more information will be added by the California Department of Education (CDE).

RATIONALE: The School Accountability Report Card (SARC) must be completed and submitted yearly with a due date of February 1. After Board Approval, it will be posted to our website and submitted to the CDE.

Motion: Rhee		Second: Hernandez Figueroa	
Roll Call	Aye		Nay
Anderson	X		
Farukhi	Absent		
Hernandez Figueroa	X		
Nelson	X		
Rhee	X		
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4			
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:			

Action: 8.2 Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021-22 Local Control and Accountability Plan

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approve the Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021-2022 Local Control and Accountability Plan.

RATIONALE: This is a mandated internal report with a public presentation that is due by February 28, 2022. Although it does not require Board approval, we are seeking this as a confirmation that we have completed the mandated process.

Motion: Hernandez Figueroa		Second: Rhee	
Roll Call	Aye		Nay
Anderson	X		
Farukhi	Absent		
Hernandez Figueroa	X		
Nelson	X		
Rhee	X		
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4			
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:			

Action: 8.3 Interim Budget Report

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors ratify the Interim Budget Report, which was presented at the December 8, 2021, Board Meeting.

RATIONALE: This is a mandated budget report that is provided to our Authorizing Entity, AESD, as well as the Orange County Department of Education.

Motion: Nelson		Second: Anderson	
Roll Call	Aye		Nay
Anderson	X		
Farukhi	Absent		

Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Action: 8.4 Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approve the updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CCSP).

RATIONALE: The review, update, and approval of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan is a mandated process to keep our school safe, which requires Board approval.

Motion: Hernandez Figueroa	Second: Rhee	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Procedural: 9.1 General Comments

It was requested that the staff provide the zip codes of the scholars attending VMCS. This would help to determine best location for the relocation of VMCS. The Board also thanked the staff for their handling of difficult circumstances presented by Covid-19.

Procedural: 9.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

10. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: 10.1 Board Adjournment: 6:51 p.m.

Motion: Nelson	Second: Hernandez Figueroa	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		