

**VMCS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
5:30 P.M., Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

1. CLOSED GENERAL SESSION

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order 5:33 p.m.

Procedural: 1.2 Establishment of Quorum for Closed Session

| Roll Call | Present | Absent |
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| Anderson | X | |
| Bonenberger | X | |
| Farukhi | Absent | |
| Nelson | X | |
| Rhee | Late | |

Action: 1.3 Approval of the Agenda (Closed Session)

Recommended Action: This agenda has been posted within the 72 hours required by the Brown Act.

| Motion: Nelson | | Second: Bonenberger |
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| Roll Call | Aye | Nay |
| Anderson | X | |
| Bonenberger | X | |
| Farukhi | Absent | |
| Nelson | X | |
| Rhee | Late | |
| Item Passes – Vote: 3/3 | | |
| Item Does Not Pass – Vote: | | |

Procedural: 1.4 Public Comment -- Closed Session Agenda Item(s)

No Comments

Information: 1.5 Claim No.: 591177

The VMCS Board convened in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) to discuss the following legal matter:

Claim No.: 591177

Claimants: M.W. and J.B.

Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2020-01152435-CU-PO-CJC

Legal Authority: The closed session is authorized by Government Code section 54956.9(1), which permits closed sessions to discuss existing litigation.

Information regarding this litigation was shared with the Board, as well as the request for legal support.

2. OPEN GENERAL SESSION

Procedural: 2.1 Call to Order 6:00 p.m.

Procedural: 2.2 Establishment of Quorum

| Roll Call | Present | Absent |
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| Anderson | X | |
| Bonenberger | X | |
| Farukhi | Absent | |
| Nelson | X | |
| Rhee | X | |

Procedural: 2.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Action: 2.4 Approval of the Agenda (Open Session)

Recommended Action: This agenda has been posted within the 72 hours required by the Brown Act.

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

Information: 2.5 Report on Closed Agenda

No action was taken during the Closed Session. There is a related Action Item that will be voted upon at the end of the Open Session.

Procedural: 2.6 Public Comment

No Comments

3. PARENT REPORTS

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

Erica Frutys presented for the SSC. She shared what was discussed at the February 1, 2024, SSC Meeting. She reported that the ELAC Meetings continue to have minimal participation. Ways to increase participation continue to be explored. Surveys that are being considered as part of the LCAP development were shared. These are for scholars in Grades 3-6, staff, and parents. Also, the scheduled parent classes were shared, including Parenting Classes, Small Business Classes, and CPR.

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

Chammarra Nguyen presented for ELAC. For today's ELAC Meeting, there were no attendees. There may be a need to reconsider Zoom Sessions or other options.

Information, Reports: 3.3 Family and Staff Team (F.A.S.T.) Report by Parent Representative

Yvette LaValle presented for F.A.S.T. She shared the following:

- The Labrador Gala will occur on March 8, 2024, at the new site. Scholars are practicing their dancing skills with the Electric Slide and the Waltz. Alumni may attend the Gala for free. However, non-school aged children should not attend so the focus can be on our scholars.
- Field trips continue to be great experiences for our scholars, including Tucker Sanctuary for Kindergarten and San Juan Capistrano for Grade 4.
- CPR for parents is scheduled for March 18, 2024, and will be taught by one of our parents, who is also a firefighter.
- The UCI Lab will interview scholars regarding their social-emotional state. Parents had to give permission for them to participate.
- Read Across America will occur between February 29-March 6, 2024. There are many city leaders who are scheduled to attend and read to our scholars, including Mike Anderson.

4. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)

Action (Consent): 4.1 January 10, 2024, 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.

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

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT -- DEBRA J. SCHROEDER

Information: 5.1 Progress Report on New Site and Planning Commission Hearing on March 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. We should be first on the agenda. There was a flood in the basement, which required plumbing repairs. This may have been related to homeless people who set up camp in a classroom. It appears as if the church's insurance will cover the repairs. Homeless people continue to be an ongoing issue in the area. There is a plan to increase the exterior lighting to discourage encampments.

Information: 5.2 California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Planning Grant Update

Yvette LaValle provided the update. She shared some of the parent classes we are piloting, such as Jessica Escalante's Parenting Classes, Parent Coaching Sessions, CPR, and possibly CERT.

Information: 5.3 Teacher Residency Implementation and Expansion Grant

This is the companion grant to the Teacher Residency Capacity Grant, which has already been submitted. This will support people who have bachelors to receive their Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. Some of our instructional assistants and members of the school community may benefit from this opportunity. The draft of the grant application was provided. The final copy is due on Friday, March 8, 2024.

Information: 5.4 Surveys of Scholars, Parents, and Staff for LCAP Development

Samples of surveys that are being considered in the development of the LCAP were provided to the Board. There is a nominal fee to implement the surveys, which are highly recommended by the California Department of Education.

6. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN

Information: 6.1 Enrollment for 2023-2024

TK -- 16
 K -- 36
 1 -- 32
 2 -- 30
 3 -- 32
 4 -- 32
 5 -- 32
 6 -- 32
 Total -- 242

Information: 6.2 Waiting List and Interest Forms for 2024-2025

TK -- 29 & 17
 K -- 42 & 15
 1 -- 4 & 12
 2 -- 28 & 7
 3 -- 27 & 9
 4 -- 28 & 2
 5 -- 80 & 5
 6 -- 45 & 6
 Total -- 356

Information: 6.3 Difference between Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI)

VMCS is designated as a TSI school. This is determined by the California Department of Education based upon the data represented by the Dashboard. This designation in our case was triggered by the attendance of our Special Education scholars. Due to the small group of SPED scholars we have, it created a statistical misrepresentation and the categorization of TSI. Typically, this status would result in support from the district to the school. But, we are our own district. It also does not result in additional funding. Attendance will continue to be a focus in the LCAP, including attendance of our SPED scholars.

7. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- ROY KIM

Reports: 7.1 December Financials

Roy Kim presented the December financials using the PowerPoint presentation provided in the Board Packet. VMCS continues to be fiscally stable with a strong reserve that would support operational costs for more than a school year without receiving additional funds.

Information: 7.2 Budget Updates

While the Governor was hopeful that the California deficit was going to be less than reported, it is not expected to get better. There will be a May Revise leading to a June Budget. COLA may be .76%-1%, but may also be 0%. This has not happened since 1920. Deferrals may happen. There are a number of educators being laid off in districts due to declining enrollments and recent salary increases.

8. ACTION ITEMS

Action: 8.1 Allocation of Up to \$50,000 for Legal Support for Litigation Discussed in Closed Session

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the allocation of up to \$50,000 for legal support for litigation discussed in Closed Session.

RATIONALE: It is important to protect the school site, as well as its staff members, when there is no just cause for the allegations and the Liability Insurance Company falls short.

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

Action: 8.2 Approval of Submission of the Teacher Residency Implementation and Expansion Grant

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the submission of the Teacher Residency Implementation and Expansion Grant for the amount of \$40,000 per Resident Teacher, which involve a collaboration with Biola University and Hope International University.

RATIONALE: Considering the fact that we will need to double our staff as we gradually double our enrollment, the Teacher Residency Implementation and Expansion Grant will help us recruit and retain future teachers. Additionally, the Mentor Teachers will receive professional development and stipends for their support of the Teacher Residency Program.

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

Action: 8.3 Approval of the Surveys for Scholars, Parents, and Staff in Preparation for LCAP

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the use of the California School Climate, Health, and Learning Surveys developed by WestEd and supported by the California Department of Education.

RATIONALE: Schools/districts are mandated to collect various forms of data in support of the development of the LCAP. The data from these surveys will then be tracked and analyzed each year.

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

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Procedural: 9.1 General Comments

No Comments.

Information: 9.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be in-person.

10. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: 10.1 Board Adjournment: 7:22 p.m.

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