



VIBRANT MINDS CHARTER SCHOOL

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 5:30 P.M.**

Board Members

Mike Anderson

Fareed Farukhi

Maria Hernandez Figueroa

Robert Nelson

Sharon Rhee

As a result of COVID-19, and the resulting orders and direction from the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of California, and the County Public Health Department, as well as the City Health Declaration(s), so as to limit exposure to the COVID-19 virus, Vibrant Minds Charter School Board Meetings will be conducted via remote access until further notice.

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Meeting ID: 864 3600 8472

Passcode: 846663

1.0 OPEN GENERAL SESSION

1.1 Call to Order 5:30 p.m.

1.2 Establishment of Quorum

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

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

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

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

- 1.5** Public Comment: Vibrant Minds Charter School welcomes your participation at Vibrant Minds Board Meetings. The purpose of the meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) is to conduct the affairs of Vibrant Minds Charter School in public. Your participation ensures continuing community interest in Vibrant Minds Charter School. **Email to provide comment during school closure due to COVID-19 to dschroeder@vibrantminds.us. Please submit your comment prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.**

Comments are to address Open/Closed Session items found on the agenda. Public Comments will be read by a Board Member or Designee. Each Comment will be limited to three (3) minutes. A total of twenty-one (21) minutes will be afforded for public comment. Unless an item has been placed on the published agenda in accordance with the Brown Act, there shall be no action taken, nor should there be comments on, responses to, or discussion of a topic not on the agenda. All Public Comment emails will be presented to the Board of Directors. The Board members may: (1) acknowledge receipt of information/report; (2) refer to staff with no direction as to action or priority; or (3) refer the matter to the next agenda.

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- 2.0** **CONSENT.** (One Vote). 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.

2.1 October 14, 2020, Board Meeting Minutes

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

3.0 **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

- 3.1** Executive Director’s Report by Debra Schroeder

- Revisitation of Board Policies
 - Investment Policy – Discussion led by Fareed Farukhi and Dan Speirs (not actionable this meeting): The Treasury Bill Account has been closed as of September 24 and is currently placed in the checking account for VMCS at Farmers & Merchants Bank. In preparation for a new investment approach, the Investment Policy will need to be revisited. However, it was not the intention at this Board Meeting to make this actionable since more study is required. Additionally, Farukhi advised that we await the results of the election since this may also have an impact on the market and investment approaches. Dan Speirs joined the Board Meeting at a later point and could possibly provide investment guidance in the future.
 - Conflict of Interest Policy – No questions.
 - Hazing, Intimidation, and Bullying Prevention Policy – No questions.
- COVID-19 Update – Shared graph, which focused on the zip codes where most VMSC scholars live (i.e., 92805). The zip codes of 92801 and 92805 will continue to be tracked to determine when these areas would be considered in the red tier rather than the purple tier using the criteria from California. When the areas show stability in the red tier, this would be one indication for the reopening of the school.
- Possible alternative location – Discussion led by Robert Nelson. The City Church in Anaheim is being explored as a possible temporary location for the reopening of VMCS for all scholars. This would in essence be a second campus through the end of the school year to enable the necessary social distancing. There is a need to confer with AESD, as well as the City of Anaheim. An update will be provided to the Board at the next meeting.
- Need for Ad Hoc Facility Committee – As a new permanent location is being sought for VMCS for a future school year (possible 2022-2023), it is necessary to form an Ad Hoc Committee. Possible members would include Farukhi and Nelson because of the respective knowledge in financing and school bonds. Additional people will also be part of the ongoing dialogue (e.g., Schroeder, LaValle, Kim).
- Agreement with the Anaheim Housing Authority for parking – An agreement has been negotiated with the Anaheim Housing Authority to access the parking at 401 W. Carl Karcher Way, Anaheim 92801 (formerly the UEI Building). This will be for staff parking, and a placard will be placed on the dashboard of staff members cars. This is at no cost to the school.

3.2 Assistant Director's Report by Chammarra Nguyen

- Enrollment Numbers and Attendance Data – Grade levels continue to be full enrolled at 32 scholars for all grade levels with the exception of Grade 5. For Grade 5, on class as 29 and one class has 30. This in a total enrollment of 251. During the week of 10/5 through 10/9, attendance was on average 97%, which is significantly higher than one the VM Distance Learning Center was closed.
- Demographics – As part of the CBEDS Process, demographic and programmatic data needs to be confirmed. The following data is accurate as of the Board Meeting.

Ethnic Groups

- 76.89% Hispanic or Latino
- 11.55% White (Non-Hispanic)
- 3.59% Asian
- 1.20% Filipino
- 4.38% Black
- 2.39% Multi-Ethnic

English Learners

- For 2020-2021 School year -- 62 English Learners, which is 25% of enrollment
 - For 2019-2020 School Year – 59 English Learners, which was 24% of enrollment
- Numbers are statistically static

Special Education

- For 2020-2021 school year -- 28 scholars with IEPs, which is 11.2% of enrollment
- For 2019-2020 – 29 scholars with IEPs, which was 12% of enrollment

Foster Youth -- .4%

Homeless -- .8%, and it was 1.7% last year

Free/Reduced Meals – 66.93%, which is down from last year’s number of 72%

3.3 Financial Report by ICON School Management -- None

3.4 SSC Report by Parent Representative – Jennifer Centa reported for the SSC and discussed the process by which SSC Officers were determined, as well as the orientation that was provided. Parent representatives are Alyssa Truman (Chairperson), Christina Selstad (Vice Chairperson), Yvette LaValle (Secretary), Sujei Robles (Member), and Mike Breithaupt (Alternative). Staff representatives are Ashia Foard (Teacher), Areli Rodriguez (Teacher), Jennifer Centa (Classified), and Debra Schroeder (Executive Director). Within the meeting, it was also determined that the EIN for VMCS should be available on the website for possible donations.

3.5 F.A.S.T. Report by Parent Representative – Yvette LaValle reported for F.A.S.T. Discussed the Family Dance Competition as a way to maintain the bonds among the school’s community. Upcoming activities supported by F.A.S.T. include the Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Red Ribbon Week.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Board Policy – Conflict of Interest

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approve the Board Policy related to Conflict of Interest, which is a requirement based on the Articles of Incorporation.

RATIONALE: Now that VMCS is independent of GOALS Inc., it is important to develop and review all VMCS Board policies as an independent organization.

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

Item Passes – Vote: 4/4
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:

4.2 Board Policy -- Hazing, Intimidation, and Bullying Prevention

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approve the Board Policy related to hazing, intimidation, and bullying, which is legally mandates.

RATIONALE: Now that VMCS is independent of GOALS Inc., it is important to develop and review all VMCS Board policies as an independent organization.

Motion: Anderson		Second: Hernandez Figueroa
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Farukhi	X	
Hernandez Figueroa	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	Absent	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
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4.3 Resolution for Ad Hoc Facility Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 10142020, which established an ad hoc facility committee as VM seeks a new location for the future.

RATIONALE: It is necessary to have a subset of the VMCS Board of Directors focus on finding a new facility for the school.

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

4.4 Parking Agreement with the Anaheim Housing Authority

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors ratify the agreement between the Anaheim Housing Authority and VMCS regarding the use of the parking lot of the building across from the school.

RATIONALE: In the past, UEI permitted the school staff to park in their lot with an informal, verbal agreement. With the Anaheim Housing Authority taking over the

management of this building, it is necessary to formalize the agreement so the school has adequate parking when the staff returns to school.

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

5.0 BOARD COMMENTS

5.1 General Comments

Hernandez Figueroa: With 62 scholars who are English Learners, would like to incorporate the voices of the parents at Board Meetings. From this point forward, a representative from ELAC will have a place on the agenda to report out what their committee has discussed and what they request in support of their scholars.

5.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

6.0 BOARD ADJOURNMENT: 6:36 p.m.

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

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