

**VMCS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
5:30 P.M., Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

**1. OPEN GENERAL SESSION**

**Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order 5:32 p.m.**

**Procedural: 1.2 Establishment of Quorum**

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

**Procedural: 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance**

**Action, Procedural: 1.4 Approval of the Agenda**

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

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

**Procedural: 1.5 Public Comment**

None

**2. PARENT REPORTS**

**Information, Reports: 2.1 School Site Council (SSC) Report by Parent Representative**

Yvette LaValle presented. She shared that there was a SSC Meeting on October 5, 2023. The following areas were discussed at the meeting.

- Cow Chip Bingo was discussed, which grossed \$19,000, with \$3,800 of expenditures. The total funds raised was about \$15,200. About \$5,000 will support 6th grade scholars attending AstroCamp. \$400 will support the 4th graders' trip to Knott's Berry Farm with a focus on California history. Not all families participated in Cow Chip Bingo, which could have resulted in an additional profit of \$4,500 since this represents the unsold plots.
- The Berklee College of Music/RYTMO Event was shared, and four of our graduates benefitted from the program with an emphasis on auditioning and careers in music.
- The Title III Consortium and associated funding was covered.
- For the Community School, we are in the first year of a two-year planning process. We are exploring support for families with scholars who are struggling behaviorally. We are discussing possibilities with Dr. Arecey Roquem who has a strong background working with parents as a coach. She currently works with incarcerated youth and their parents.

**Information, Reports: 2.2 English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Report by Parent Representative'**

Chammarra Nguyen presented. She shared that ELAC met on October 18, 2023, in the morning. Four parents were in attendance. They were provided an update on future events, including Red Ribbon Week and the Anaheim Fall Festival and Halloween Parade. She also discussed the technology survey, as well as access to various computer programs used by the scholars (e.g., iReady, Prodigy, and Khan Academy). Also, there was a discussion about a computer program to teach English to the parents offered on Monday and Friday mornings.

**Information, Reports: 2.3 Family and Staff Team (F.A.S.T.) Report by Parent Representative**

Yvette LaValle presented. The F.A.S.T. Leadership Team met on October 18, 2023. Some of the items discussed at the SSC Meeting were also presented to F.A.S.T.

- The Glow Party was discussed, along with the requirement for the sale of 10 Cow Chip Bingo Tickets.
- On October 19, the school will acknowledge the 50th day of school by wearing 50s attire. Scholars and staff will also be invited to dress up for the 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th, and 100th day of school.
- Red Ribbon Week also involves five days of thematic dress-up.
- On October 28, VMCS will sponsor a craft for 700 participants, as well as participate in the Anaheim Halloween Parade.
- On October 31, scholars will be encouraged to dress up as a Super Hero rather than in Halloween attire.

**3. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)**

**Action, Minutes: 3.1 September 6, 2023, 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: Rhee	Second: Anderson
Roll Call	Aye Nay
Anderson	X
Bonenberger	Absent
Farukhi	Late
Nelson	X
Rhee	X
Item Passes - Vote: 3/3	
Item Does Not Pass - Vote:	

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT -- DEBRA J. SCHROEDER**

**Information: 4.1 Progress Report on New Site**

November 6, 2023, is the tentative date for our presentation to the Planning Committee with the goal of receiving our Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Simultaneously, we are working with the architect to plan from conceptual to detailed.

**Information, Reports: 4.2 Further Discussion of Possible Purchase of Two 15-Passenger Vans**

Yvette was prepared to answer any questions regarding the purchase of 15-passenger vans for our scholars. There were no substantial questions. Board members expressed support.

**Information, Reports: 4.3 Update on ASES Program (Little and Big Labs Program)**

Kla Cook, the Coordinator for the After-School Program, presented the structure of the ASES Program with the Little Labs and Big Labs Programs. With the Big Labs, there is voice and choice on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with a number of electives and Project-Based Learning (PBL) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is an enrollment of 110-130 scholars. A PBL Showcase will occur on November 16, and a Holiday Concert is scheduled on December 8. Areas of opportunity include behavior, staffing, space, and attendance habits. The new trimester electives will begin on November 13.

**5. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN**

**Information: 5.1 Enrollment for 2023-2024**

1 -- 32  
 2 -- 31  
 3 -- 33  
 4 -- 32  
 5 -- 32  
 6 -- 32

**Information: 5.2 Waiting List for 2023-2024**

TK -- 6  
 K -- 2  
 1 -- 25  
 2 -- 20  
 3 - 25  
 4 -- 80  
 5 -- 44  
 6 -- 3

**Information: 5.3 Title III Consortium and Plan**

Our partner in the Title III Consortium is Pathways to College. The total funding is about \$7,000. The focus is on parent support and professional development in the area of GLAD. There is also funding set aside for the CABE Conference.

**6. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- ROY KIM**

**Information, Reports: 6.1 August and Financials**

Roy Kim presented the budget report for August 2023. This was accomplished with a PowerPoint presentation. The funding for the school remains strong with a healthy reserve, which is now part of an investment portfolio.

**Information, Reports: 6.2 Additional Fiscal Updates and Reports**

The Unaudited Actuals were already submitted per the due date. Ratification will occur in November.

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

**Action: 7.1 Approval of the Purchase of Two 15-Passenger Vans Pending Receipt of Employee Retention Tax Credit**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the purchase of two 15-passenger vans pending receipt of the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC).

**RATIONALE:** The vision for the use of two vans was shared at the last Board Meeting, which focused on the benefits of having readily available transportation for our scholars and families. Specific financial details will be presented to the Board prior to the actual purchase of the two vans.

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

**Action: 7.2 Approval of the Title III Consortium and Plan**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors ratifies the hiring of two part-time instructional assistants.

**RATIONALE:** The unexpected need for hiring two additional part-time instructional assistants is due to newly enrolled scholars with IEPs, as well as scholars with extreme behavioral needs.

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

**8. BOARD COMMENTS**

**Procedural: 8.1 General Comments**

Schroeder expressed gratitude to RYTMO and Berklee College of Music for the event. Also, she shared her appreciation for the Board.

Farukhi gave thanks to Schroeder for her dedication to the school.

**Information: 8.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be in-person.**

**9. BOARD ADJOURNMENT**

**Procedural: 9.1 Board Adjournment: 7:03 p.m.**

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