

**VMCS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES AT 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

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	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	

Procedural: 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Action, Procedural: 1.4 Approval of the Agenda

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

Action, Procedural: 1.5 Approval of Resolution 12/14/2022: Waived Teleconference Requirements Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves Resolution No. 121422 in order to continue with Board Meetings in the current format until the Board determines it is appropriate to meet in person.

RATIONALE: We have been advised that the resolution needs to be revisited and passed every 30 days until we return to in-person Board Meetings.

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

Procedural: 1.6 Public Comment

2. PARENT REPORTS

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

Christina Selstad, the SSC Chairperson and parent, provided the report from the SSC. At the last SSC Meeting, there was a report on the Comprehensive School Safety Plan by Yvette LaValle, a brainstorming session on the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) guided by Debbie Schroeder, and an update on the new school site. A SSC Member also asked for an update on the Grade 6 backpacks, and it was explained that scholars need to take the initiative and follow through. There is evidence that this is occurring.

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

Chammarra Nguyen, the Assistant Director, who coordinates the ELAC, explained that there has not been a meeting.

Information, Reports: 2.3 F.A.S.T. Report by Parent Representative

Yvette LaValle, a Coordinator, provided the F.A.S.T. update. She discussed the challenges of making Snow Day occur this year due to an ice shortage. But, work is being done to make this still happen with 8 tons of snow. There will also be hot chocolate, a snow globe craft, photo booth, snow machines, face painting, balloon animals, etc. This is part of the PBIS Program. There have also been Winter Gram Sales to support 6th graders and AstroCamp. Additionally, there was a Holiday Performance at the new site on December 12, and District 3 Assembly Member Natalie Rubalcava will visit our school to acknowledge the GATE scholars who put on the Candidate Forum. Also, Lunch with a Loved One will occur on January 13.

3. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)

Action, Minutes: 3.1 November 16, 2022, 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: Anderson	Second: Nelson	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT -- DEBRA J. SCHROEDER

Information: 4.1 Progress Report by Nelson and Schroeder Regarding New Site

Robert Nelson gave the a contractor company a tour of the building so they could see what the work will entail. Richard Hansberger, Legal Counsel, will be asked about number of bids needed for a contractor, as well if an RFP process is needed. There was discussion that the lowest bid is not always the best bid. The application for the CUP was submitted to the City of Anaheim on November 15, 2022. They have 20 days to respond, but how 30 days is defined is unclear.

Information: 4.2 Investment Presentation by Representatives from Merrill Lynch

Ahmed Issa from Merrill Lynch was a contact provided by Farukhi. Issa had his colleague, Marcus Tanimoto, do most of the presentation. This represents the second presentation from an investment firm as the Board seeks best options for investing some of the reserves of VMCS. Board members asked a number of follow-up questions. The process of studying investment options will continue.

Information: 4.3 California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Planning Grant Application

The documents that were submitted based upon the Board's approval for the school to seek this grant were shared as part of the Board Packet. There were no questions about the CCSPP Planning Grant Application.

Information: 4.4 Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Block Grant Plan

It was explained by Schroeder that the AMIM does not need to be used solely to support the arts. Instructional materials, professional development, COVID supplies, etc. can also be purchased. However, it is recommended that the funds be used to support the VMCS VAPA Program and divided across multiple years. The proposed budget was provided in the Board Packet. There was support for the recommended approach.

Information: 4.5 Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP)

Yvette LaValle, who takes primary responsibility for the writing and oversight of the CSSP, informed the Board that the plan did not require major changes. The Board had been provided with the changes ahead of the meeting. AESD asked to preview it prior to it being submitted for the first time, and VMCS cooperated with AESD on this new expectation. Board Member Bonenberger had a few questions regarding wording for the school as being too small for officers. This wording needed clarification since it was referring to the use of the space as a Red Cross/Disaster Center. There was also dialogue about issues with Opioids and Fentanyl. As part of the CSSP, protocols are in place including Narconon on campus in case of accidental overdoses.

5. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN

Information: 5.1 Enrollment/Waiting List for 2022-2023

Chammarra Nguyen provided an update on enrollment and the waiting list. At this time, TK has 24 scholars, with four scholars outside of the age range. The rest of the enrollment is as follows: K = 31, 1st = 32, 2nd = 31, 3rd = 31, 4th = 32, 5th = 31, and 6th = 32. This is a total enrollment of 240 scholars counting toward ADA. There are 225 scholars on the waiting list.

6. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- ROY KIM

Information, Reports: 6.1 October Financials

Roy Kim provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the VMCS financials. At this time, VMCS has 3.5 million in equity. This equates to 377 days of operation costs. VMCS is in a strong fiscal position. The Board had no questions.

Information, Reports: 6.2 Fiscal Updates

No general fiscal updates.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Action: 7.1 Approval for the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Planning Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Planning Grant Application, which has been based on input from the staff and the SSC.

RATIONALE: This application could result in up to \$200,000 of funding for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years for the purpose of developing a plan for ongoing community partnerships to provide wrap-around services for our scholars and families. The application is due on December 20, 2022.

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

Action: 7.2 Approval for the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Block Grant Plan

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the Arts, Music, and Instructional (AMIM) Discretionary Block Grant Plan, which involves the allocation of \$146,637, which we would spend during the 2022-2023 through the 2025-2026 school years.

RATIONALE: While there is great flexibility in how this funding may be used, we would like to support our VAPA Program by purchasing materials that will endure over time (e.g., art supplies, musical instruments, photography/video equipment, VAPA technology and subscriptions, etc.).

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

Action: 7.3 Approval of Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP), Pending Feedback from AESD

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP), which is due on March 1, 2023.

RATIONALE: The CSSP is currently being reviewed by AESD, and approval from the VMCS Board will be sought pending the review by AESD.

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

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Procedural: 8.1 General Comments

Farukhi commented on the presence of VMCS representatives (two staff members and Grade 6 GATE scholars) at the swearing-in ceremony for the Mayor and Council Members. It was a great learning experience for the scholars. He also wished everyone happy and safe holidays, as did the other Board Members.

Nelson commented on the need to continue the conversation about investing a portion of the VMCS reserves. There was a discussion that a committee should be formed. Schroeder offered to seek legal counsel on whether a Standing or Ad Hoc Committee needed to be formed. At the most, it seemed prudent to open up a Savings Account to get some interest on funds.

Information: 8.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

It is planned for this meeting to be on Zoom. This is contingent upon the community transmission rate of COVID-19. Roy Kim believes that In-Person Meetings will need to be resumed in March.

9. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: 9.1 Board Adjournment: 6:47 p.m.

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