

**VMCS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES AT 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

1. OPEN GENERAL SESSION

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order 5:03 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

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

Action, Procedural: 1.5 Approval of Resolution 02/08/2023: Waived Teleconference Requirements Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves Resolution No. 020823 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: Bonenberger	Second: Nelson	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Late	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Procedural: 1.6 Public Comment

None

2. PARENT REPORTS

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

Melissa Montanez reported for the School Site Council (SSC). There were no public speakers at the meeting, and ELAC didn't have an update. There was a discussion of transitioning to in-person meetings. However, SSC has options according to the legal council. So, Zoom Meeting will continue to occur. At the SSC Meeting, there was discussion of the Black History Parade and Unity Festival, the need for a community meeting in the area of the new site, and an update to the dress code regarding the wearing of outerwear when the weather is 60 degrees or below. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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

Chammarra Nguyen reported for the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). The last meeting occurred on January 19, 2023, in the morning. Ten parents were in attendance. The focus was on the opportunities for parent leadership, as well as the tentative schedule for the administration of the ELPAC to the English Learner scholars. The next meeting will be held in the evening of Wednesday, February 15, 2023. There will be a deep dive into the CAASPP and ELPAC.

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

Yvette LaValle reported for the Family and Staff Team (F.A.S.T.). Events that have occurred since the last Board Meeting included Lunch with a Loved One, which is the most attended event for parents. During January and February, the Lunar New Year was celebrated. Our Asian scholars led booths with a Lunar New Year theme for the month's PBIS reward. For community visibility and recruitment efforts, F.A.S.T. had a presence during the Black History Parade and Unity festival, where band and spirit squad members performed. Two GATE Scholars interviewed Kim Nguyen regarding being a woman in government. Also, our scholars interviewed former VMCS Scholars about the transition from elementary school to junior high school. GATE will also launch rockets on February 25, and they will interview an aerospace engineer.

3. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)

Action, Minutes: 3.1 January 18, 2023, Special 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: Nelson	Second: Anderson	
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 on New Site

Nelson and Schroeder provided an update on the new site. There was feedback on the CUP Application, and there is more work to do. There is a need for a more detailed drop-off and pick-up plan. The primary question is the queuing process and the possible impact on the surrounding area. There was also a meeting regarding the determination of property lines. Currently, the property has 8-9 lots, but they were never officially combined. Even the school building has four lots. There were two possible approaches. We could develop a condo plan or actually establish property lines. It was determined that establishing actual property lines would be beneficial for the future. It is a matter of doing this work now rather than later.

Discussion, Information: 4.2 Lease for New Site

Due to the delay in an approved CUP, we are now required to pay a monthly lease on the building in the form of \$10,000 per month. This will be back-dated to a portion of November in accordance to the original agreement. The lease agreement was signed with the support of Paul Kott and our legal team. The Board will be asked to ratify this agreement.

Information: 4.3 After-School Education and Safety (ASES) Program

As part of the After-School Education and Safety (ASES) Program Grant, the Board needs to be informed of the effectiveness of the program. Kia Cook developed a PowerPoint Presentation for the Board, but could not deliver the information due to staff absences. Therefore, Chammarra Nguyen presented the information.

Discussion, Information: 4.4 Form 700 and Conflict of Interest Board Policy

Form 700 and the Conflict of Interest Board Policy will need to be completed and submitted by April 3, 2023. The forms were provided as part of the Board Packet, and Schroeder shared an example of how she completed the form.

Discussion, Information: 4.5 Brown Act Teleconferencing Options

The various formats for Board Meetings were shared, with an acknowledgement that the current remote meeting approach will no longer be supportable after February 2023.

5. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN

Information: 5.1 Enrollment/Waiting List for 2022-2023

At this time, VMCS continues to be fully enrolled at 240 scholars. The current waiting list is as follows:

- Preschool -- 46
- TK -- 2
- K -- 16
- 1 -- 16
- 2 -- 4
- 3 -- 62
- 4 -- 30
- 5 -- 59
- 6 -- 36

New Interest Forms that have been submitted for the March drawing are as follows and our based upon early recruitment efforts:

- Preschool -- 18
- TK -- 5
- K -- 1
- 1 -- 3
- 2 -- 3
- 3 -- 5
- 4 -- 1
- 5 -- 1
- 6 -- 0

Information: 5.2 Educator Effectiveness Funds (EEF)

While a plan for the expenditure of Educator Effectiveness Funds (EEF) had been previously approved by the Board for the 2022-2023 school year, some shifts in expenditures are planned for the 2023-2024 school year, with a strong focus on Science of Reading professional development. Nguyen shared the current details of the plan.

Information: 5.3 Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P)

There will be a shift in schedule with 15 days focusing on English-language arts and 15 days focusing on mathematics. With this approach, families can sign-up for one or both 15-day sessions. There will also be a number of field trips during the sessions. It is hoped that the spit schedule will encourage more scholars to attend the program.

6. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- ROY KIM

Information, Reports: 6.1 December Financials

Kim was unable to make a clear connection in order to present his report. While the Board had a copy of the PowerPoint, he will present and field questions at the next Regular Board Meeting.

Information, Reports: 6.2 Fiscal Updates

This report has been postponed to the next Regular Board Meeting.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Action: 7.1 Ratification of Lease for Building at 330 W. Broadway, Anaheim, CA

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors ratifies the lease for the building at 330 W. Broadway, Anaheim, CA.

RATIONALE: Leasing the building while awaiting for the CUP from the City of Anaheim was part of our agreement with the seller. Hansberger and Kott have reviewed and approved the lease.

Motion: Bonenberger	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:		

Action: 7.2 Approval of the Plan for the Educator Effectiveness Funds (EEF)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the Plan for the Educator Effectiveness Funds (EEF).

RATIONALE: The previous plan has been refined based on scholars' performance data and the staff's needed.

Motion: Farukhi	Second: Anderson	
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 the Plan for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the current plan for the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P), including a refined approach toward the Summer Academy.

RATIONALE: After the last school year, we feel a different scheduling approach toward the Summer Academy will result in an increased attendance and positive academic and social-emotional impact.

Motion: Rhee	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:

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Procedural: 8.1 General Comments

- Anderson commented on the awards that have been received by the VMCS staff and congratulated each of them.
- Farukhi shared that there was a staff change at the investment company, UBS, that the Board had chosen. Therefore, our investment approach will need to be revisited. There may be need of a Special Meeting.
- Kim was able to determine that the Bond we will receive for the new site could include the cost of the rent while awaiting the CUP and the completion of escrow.
- Schroeder mentioned that the testing of scholars and staff for Covid on a weekly basis will cease after one more week unless the Board feels it should be continued.

Information: 8.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. It is planned for this meeting to be in-person.

9. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: 9.1 Board Adjournment: 6:26 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:		