

VMCS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES AT 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

1. OPEN GENERAL SESSION

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order 5:45 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: 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: Farukhi	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	Absent	
Farukhi	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	Absent	
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 stated there was no new information to report. The SSC will convene on Thursday, January 11, 2024.

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

Chammarra Nguyen stated there was no new information to report.

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

Yvette LaValle reported on behalf of F.A.S.T. She discussed the scholars' Snow Day experience, which occurred prior to the Winter Break. The scholars enjoyed the event, the volunteer group was strong, and this is a tradition worth keeping. We also celebrated the 90th day of school, and three field trips occurred since the last Board Meeting.

3. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)

Action (Consent): 3.1 December 13, 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: Anderson	Second: Farukhi	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	Absent	
Farukhi	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	Absent	
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 and Emergency Repair Budget

Robert Nelson reported on the status of the new site. There continues to be homeless people camping around the building, as well as attempting and succeeding to get inside. There has been a leak in the basement, which damaged three of the lower level classrooms. The damage may have occurred because of the homeless people who had stayed there. It is important to light up the area better, as well as keep the building in good repair. For this purpose, a request for a budget of \$25,000 to set aside for the new site's protection and repair will be made under the Action Items.

Information: 4.2 California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Planning Grant Update

Yvette LaValle reported on the progress with the CCSPP. She has held meetings to gather input from parents, both in-person and on Zoom. She has sent up a training to help families start small businesses. She has also worked with Jessica Escalante to provide parenting workshops with a series of four sessions titled I Am the Best Parent for My Child; Happy Hearts, Bright Minds; Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders; and Discover Your Child's Love Languages. The sessions will occur on February 21 and 28 and March 6 and 13.

Information: 4.3 Teacher Residency Capacity Grant

This is a great opportunity for our school, especially as we seek to hire more teachers when we move to our new site. Schroeder shared some details regarding the Teacher Residency Capacity Grant and was asked a few questions by the Board.

Reports: 4.4 Annual Mid-Year Update to the LCAP and the LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

Nguyen discussed the need to present to the Board an Annual Mid-Year Update to the LCAP and the LCFF Budget Overview for Parents. This is a new requirement by the State of California. Nguyen shared a PowerPoint Presentation and was prepared to field any questions the Board had. There were no questions.

Information: 4.5 Proposition 28 -- Arts and Music in School

Schroeder reminded the Board about the intent of the Proposition 28 funds, which is to support arts and music in school. She then shared a budget expenditure plan, which will be implemented during this school year, pending Board Approval. The funds will come in yearly, so it is appropriate to spend the funds for the scholars in the funding year. For this school year based on ADA, the funds are approximately \$38,000.

Information: 4.6 2024-2025 School Calendar

Schroeder shared the rationale behind the 2024-2025 School Calendar, including the three-week Winter Break in case the new site was ready for occupancy. The instructional team provided input on the calendar. It will also be presented to the SSC at the meeting on January 11, 2024.

5. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN

Information: 5.1 Enrollment for 2023-2024

TK/K -- 16/8
 K -- 28
 1st -- 32
 2nd -- 30
 3rd -- 32
 4th -- 32
 5th -- 32
 6th -- 32
 Total -- 242

Information: 5.2 Waiting List for 2023-2024

These numbers do not include new Interest Forms.

TK -- 15
 K -- 6
 1st -- 29
 2nd -- 30
 3rd -- 28
 4th -- 81
 5th -- 45
 6th -- 3
 Total -- 237

6. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- ROY KIM

Reports: 6.1 November Financials

Samantha Cho presented on behalf of Icon School Management. A PowerPoint presentation was used, and it is available for public viewing.

Information: 6.2 Budget Updates

There were no general updates on the budget.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Action: 7.1 Allocation of \$20,000 for Repair and Maintenance of New Site

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the allocation of \$20,000 for the repair and maintenance of the new site.

RATIONALE: In light of recent homeless occupancy of the new site and plumbing issues, it may be necessary to do some repair work prior to the receipt of the CUP. The \$20,000 will be used for emergency situation that require immediate attention.

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

Action: 7.2 Approval of Submission of the Teacher Residency Capacity Grant for \$250,000

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the submission of the Teacher Residency Capacity Grant for the amount of \$250,000, which will involve 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 Program 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.

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

Action: 7.3 Approval of the Annual Mid-Year Update to the LCAP and the LCFF Budget Overview for Parents

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the Annual Mid-Year Update to the LCAP and the LCFF Budget Overview for Parents.

RATIONALE: Schools/districts are mandated to provide to the Board an annual update to the LCAP and the LCFF Budget Overview for Parents. While it is not clear if this update needs to be Board approved, it was determined that this approval acknowledges that VMCS completed this process.

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

Action: 7.4 Approval of 2023-2024 Arts and Music in Schools Certification and Budget Plan

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the Proposition 28 2023-2024 Arts and Music in Schools Certification and Budget Plan for an approximate amount of \$39,178.

RATIONALE: While the State has not provided templates for these two documents, it is clear that Board approval is required.

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

Action: 7.5 Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approves the 2024-2025 VMCS School Calendar.

RATIONALE: As we prepare for the 2024-2025 school year, an approved school calendar needs to be in place. The attached calendar has been vetted by the staff and will be presented to the School Site Council at its January 11, 2024, meeting. If there are any refinements, the revised calendar will be brought back to the Board for discussion and approval.

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

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Procedural: 8.1 General Comments

None

Information: 8.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be in-person.

9. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: 9.1 Board Adjournment: 7:01 p.m.

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