

VMCS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Wednesday, March 10, 2021)

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1. CLOSED GENERAL SESSION

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order 5:06 p.m.

Procedural: 1.2 Establishment of Quorum

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

Procedural: 1.3 Public Comment -- Closed Session Agenda Items -- None

Discussion: 1.4 Real Estate Discussion under 54956.8 -- Nothing to report.

2. OPEN GENERAL SESSION

Procedural: 2.1 Call to Order 5:55 p.m.

Procedural: 2.2 Establishment of Quorum

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

Procedural: 2.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Action, Procedural: 2.4 Approval of the Agenda

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

Procedural: 2.5 Public Comment -- None

3. PARENT REPORTS

Reports: 3.1 School Site Council (SSC) Report by Parent Representative

Sujey Robles, a parent, represented the SSC. Information that was discussed at the SSC Meeting included opening of the temporary location, Internet challenges at Zion, intense level of effort from staff, and decision to forgo Parent/Teacher Conference for Trimester 2. Also, the Summer Academy was discussed.

Reports: 3.2 English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Report by Parent Representative

Chammarra Nguyen, a parent and the Assistant Director, represented ELAC. She shared information from the ELAC Meeting. Kia Cook presented information about Securly and Jenn Centa talked about ParentSquare and the translation feature. State Testing was discussed, with the possibility of the flexibility to use local measures. Also, the parents were asked for input on the LCAP.

Reports: 3.3 Family and Staff Team (FAST) Report by Representative

Yvette LaValle, a parent and a Coordinator, represented FAST. She expressed gratitude for the support of Harmony Bites and the food provided to family. This was made possible by Fareed Farukhi. She shared the Read Across America Event, which features staff members for the City of Anaheim. While the FAST Meetings, fundraisers, and events have been limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be increased activities, including planning for the TK/K Celebration and 6th Grade Promotion.

4. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)

Action (Consent), Minutes: 4.1 February 10, 2021, 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.

Action (Consent), Minutes: 4.2 February 19, 2021, 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: Hernandez Figueroa	
Roll Call	Aye	Nay
Anderson	Y	
Farukhi	Y	
Hernandez Figueroa	Y	
Nelson	Y	
Rhee	Y	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4 (Farukhi was temporarily unavailable)		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT -- DEBRA J. SCHROEDER

Reports: 5.1 Reopening Update

Discussed success of bi-weekly COVID-19 testing, with no detection of positive cases. It helps to make staff and families feel safe. Will continue at least through April.

Information: 5.2 LCAP Template and Process

The three documents which needs to be completed for the LCAP were provided. This will require a Public Hearing and Board Approval at two separate meetings. This is currently planned for May and June.

Information: 5.3 Recognition of Additional Work for Staff

Different approaches for providing financial compensation for the staff in recognition of their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed. This was a preliminary discussion, and an actual decision will be made at the April Board Meeting.

Discussion: 5.4 Board Policies for Review

The Board discussed the Board Policy regarding Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Scholar Discrimination. It was determined that the legal team would be invited to the next Board Meeting to provide guidance.

6. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN

Reports: 6.1 School Enrollment and Waiting List Data

Current enrollment continues to be 251, with 308 on the waiting list. The first drawing for 2021-2022 will occur on Wednesday, March 31. There are currently 21 new interest forms.

Reports: 6.2 Reopening Statistics

71% scholar involved in in-person instruction, and 29% involved in distance learning. Uneven participation across grade levels. More specific data will be shared at upcoming Board Meeting.

7. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- ROY KIM

Information: 7.1 School Reopening and Expanded Learning Grant Update (AB 86)

Full funding contingent upon the school reopening by April 1, 2021. After that, funds are decreased each day school is not in session. Because VMCS provided in-person instruction beginning March 1, 2021, will be fully funded.

Reports: 7.2 2nd Interim Budget Report

This report will be signed and then sent to AESD.

Reports: 7.3 January Financials

This report was provided via the PowerPoint presentation. VMCS continues to be fiscally strong.

Discussion: 7.4 Selection of Auditor and CLA Proposal

Should consider changing auditors every three years. Not necessary to change firm, but must change auditor. GOALS Academy/VMCS has used same firm past five years. It was determined that an RFP should be posted and other firms considered for the 2020-2021 audit.

8. ACTION ITEMS

Action: 8.1 BP Title I Notice

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors approve the Title I Notice Policy.

RATIONALE: This policy has been implemented by VMCS, but has not been formally adopted by the Board.

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

Action: 8.2 BP Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Scholar Discrimination

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors adopt the Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Scholar Discrimination Policy.

RATIONALE: This is a policy that reflects the State and Federal legal requirements in this area.

Tabled with decision to seek legal counsel.

Action: 8.3 Acceptance of 2nd Interim Budget Report

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors accept the 2nd Interim Budget Report as prepared by Roy Kim of Icon School Management.

RATIONALE: The 2nd Interim Budget Report is submitted to the Anaheim Elementary School District, as well as the Orange County Department of Education based upon a set timeline.

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

Action: 8.4 Selection of Auditor for 2020-2021

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board of Directors accepts the proposed contract with the CLA auditing firm.

RATIONALE: VMCS is audited on a yearly basis, and CLA has been used in the past. After advisement from Roy Kim of Icon School Management, it will be determined if CLA should be used for the 2020-2021 audit.

Tabled to provide time to post an RFP and consider other firms.

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Procedural: 9.1 General Comments

Hernandez Figueroa wanted to state that she is comfortable with the Board Policy for transgender protections. But, she is also OK with seeking legal support.

Nelson wanted to acknowledge the hard work of Debbie Schroeder and the staff during these challenging times.

Procedural: 9.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 14, 2021

10. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: 10.1 Board Adjournment: 7:33 p.m.

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

11. GENERAL INFORMATION

Information: 11.1 Notifications