

VIBRANT MINDS SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 1, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

412 W. Carl Karcher Way, Anaheim, CA 92801

(Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting was held via a teleconference session.)

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: 5:34 p.m.
 - A. Introduction and Roll Call: Debbie Schroeder, Alyssa Truman, Yvette LaValle, Mirta Carmona, Jeremy Truman, Cindy Fox, and Erica Frutys
 - B. Attendees after Roll Call:
 - C. Additional Attendees: Jessica Garcia and Kla Cook
 - D. Adoption of Agenda: Motion: Yvette LaValle, Second: Itzel Vazquez, Vote: 6/6
 - E. Approval/Correction of Minutes from the May 5, 2022, Regular Meeting – Minutes stood approved without any corrections.
- II. No public speakers spoke at the meeting.
- III. Updates from SSC Chairperson – Alyssa Truman
 - A. Election Update: Welcome to our new members: Mirta Carmona, Erica Frutys, Christina Selstad, Itzel Vazquez, and the alternate Jeremy Truman.
 - B. Orientation of Leadership Positions within SSC: President: Alyssa shared the role of president: to lead the meeting, approve the agenda, review minutes, and oversee the election process. The Vice President fills in for the president when they are unavailable.
- IV. Updates from ELAC:
 - A. Representative Report: Meetings will be held on Wednesdays and alternate in the morning and evening.
- V. Updates from Director of Vibrant Minds Charter School – Debra Schroeder
 - A. Feedback on Back-to-School Night: Dr. Schroeder shared that she was pleased with the turnout for our Back-to-School-Night. One challenge was that parents came in and out similar to an Open House. Also, we will need to improve on child care. The presence of children during the meeting made it challenging for the parents to hear all the information. Next year, we may want to cut the time to 30 minute sessions. Teachers felt that amount of time would be a more accurate time frame that would be appropriate. Alyssa Truman shared that we may want to have a taco truck to assist families to feed their families due to the time of

evening of the event. Mirta Carmona shared that she felt that the presence of children was distracting. She suggested having someone at the door to remind the parents of having their kids remain on the playground. Itzel shared her friend's school does not permit kids at Back-to-School Night.

- B. Discussion of Backpack Decision: Dr. Schroeder shared the reasons why we chose to change our backpack policy. This decision was led by our teachers. Due to the following issues:
1. Safety: Many dangerous objects that are on campus are typically stored in backpacks. They are tripping hazards on the playground before school.
 2. Organization: Backpacks contribute to items that are not located by parents. Many times their important papers were crumpled at the bottom of the backpack.
 3. Focus: Scholars have chosen to store food that is unhealthy and toys.
 4. Itzel Vazquez shared that she is happy with the change for organizational purposes. Mirta shared that she is happy with the decision but suggested that we would have notified the parents sooner because many parents had already purchased the backpacks. Erica shared that she has been working with her son to be more responsible with his folder.
- C. Discussion of Outerwear Decision: Dr. Schroeder shared the purpose for tightening the dress code this year: Appropriateness- Many of the outerwear items had logos that were inappropriate. Peer Pressure- Many of the scholars were wearing expensive items and impressing peers that encouraged others to do the same. Uniform Wearing- creates unity and an easier to replace items that have been lost. Itzel shared that she has lost sweatshirts even with the name written on it. Erica shared she embroidered her name on her son's sweatshirt.
- D. New Outside Clubs/Classes on Campus: Dr. Schroeder shared the steps that were researched for having outside organizations. Here are the items that would be necessary to consider of the proposal: Initial Contact, Nonprofit Status, Determination of Benefits and Interest to Scholars and/or Parents, Space/Schedule Availability, Certificate of Insurance, Background Check, Parent Permission, Behavioral Management and Maintenance, and Mandated Reporter training. Expectations, Examples: Chess Club, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Religious Club.
- E. New Location Update: Dr. Schroeder shared that our new location is still in escrow. We will have to participate in a few studies to be able to move closer to the move and complete our CUP(Conditional Use Permit). We still need to have a sound study, traffic study. A complete measurement study was completed this week.

VI. Updates from Members

- A. Report on 8/11/2022 VMCS Board Meeting - Yvette LaValle shared that the board was to do their Brown Act training. There was an election of the officers: Mike Anderson for president, Robert Nelson as the continuing secretary, and Fareed Farukhi as the treasurer. The members discussed continuing with Boarddocs for their agenda and minute program. They also reviewed their board policies, annual calendar, and bylaws. Robert Nelson shared an update on the new

site, the traffic study, and the ad hoc committee. The team discussed the wellness policy and approved it. Roy Kim from icon management shared our financial reports for the month of May and June. They decided to continue meeting online for now.

- B. Assignment of SSC Members to Represent/Report at the VMCS Board Meetings: 9/7- Erica Frutys, 10/12- Mirta Carmona, 11/9- Itzel Vazquez, 12/14- Christina Selstad, 1/11-Cindy Fox, 2/8-Melissa Montañez, 3/8- Jeremy, 4/12-Yvette, 5/10- Itzel, and 6/14-Yvette.

VII. Action Calendar:

- A. Acceptance of Backpack Practice

Motion: Mirta Carmona Second: Itzel Vazquez Vote: 6/6

- B. Acceptance of Outwear Practice

Motion: Mirta Carmona Second: Erica Frutys Vote: 6/6

- C. Acceptance of Protocol for New Clubs/Classes at VMCS

Motion: Itzel Vazquez Second: Cindy Fox Vote: 6/6

VIII. Council Discussion

A. Itzel Vazquez shared that she wanted to know what she could do to support the school in regards to the increase of displaced people around the school. Dr. Schroeder encouraged the families to call the APD non-emergency line to make the agency aware of our concerns. The numbers count to get the attention in the area on the number of requests for services.

IX. Future Agenda Plans:

- X. Adjournment: 6:47pm