

**Santa Ynez Valley Charter School  
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 27, 2020  
3:30 pm**

OPEN SESSION

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President  
*Meeting called to order at 3:36pm.*
  
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**

Robert Feinberg (RF), Board President (2022)	x
Byranie Thomas (BT), Secretary (2021)	x
Kevin Donnelly (KD), Member at Large (2021)	x
Kelly Kay (KK), Member at Large (2021)	<i>arrived at 3:51pm</i>
Heather Stoll, Member at Large (2023)	x
Nicole Brians, Member at Large (2023)	x
Debbie Trujillo (DT), Middle School Teacher Rep. (2021)	AB
Eugenia Pappas (EP), Elementary Teacher Rep (2021)	<i>arrived at 3:43pm</i>
Maurene Donner (MD), Superintendent College School District	AB

OTHER ATTENDEES:

John Dewey (JD), Executive Director	x
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- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** for October 27, 2020  
*Motion to approve agenda: KD*  
*Second: HS*  
*Discussion: none*  
*Vote: Approved 5 - 0 - 0*

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- 4) **Public Comment**  
*Terri Humphreys commented through email that she felt Charter had missed an opportunity by not submitting the waiver sooner and she hopes the Board will work to reopen fully in January.*
  
- 5) **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting September 22, 2020  
*Motion to approve minutes: HS*  
*Second: KD*  
*Discussion: none*  
*Vote: Approved 6-0-0*
  
- 6) **Standing Reports**
  - a. Treasurer's Report  
*Report included in packet.*
  
  - b. Director's Report  
*Report included in packet. JD highlighted the following:*  
*Almost all efforts have gone into the reopening Nov. 2. Hiring of more staff and organizing the upgrade of HVAC, etc.*  
*Looking at new school information system. Looking to transition to PowerSchool for next year.*  
*Middle School conference the week of Oct 5.*  
*The launch of the Annual Appeal.*

*Postponed Board mixer until more information from Public Health Department.*

*JD mentioned that the County Superintendent raised the issue of Boards meeting in person now that the county is in the red tier. NB and HS expressed desire to meet in person sooner rather than later for mixer and regular meetings.*

7) **Informational/Discussion**

a. Reopening plan update

*NB asked the time line for being open full days.*

*JD said January was his goal for improved community metrics. This initial hybrid will be a good trial.*

*KK explained the reopening will depend on parents not sending kids to school sick and how we handle any positive COVID tests.*

*HS thanked the task force. Is optimistic that things will go smoothly and we will be able to expand what we can offer.*

*KK would like to put the decision to open fully in January on the December board meeting agenda.*

*RF said we opened without the board's approval and shouldn't need a vote. Will leave to Director's discretion. Expressed concern about overemphasizing enrollment at the expense of staff and student safety.*

*EP teachers have to prepare for both remote and in-person scenarios.*

*BT expressed no desire to put anyone at risk - just be ready when greenlight comes from county*

*KK walked through different scenarios and the proscribed responses.*

*RF believes that if county moves into the purple tier the board would need to revisit use of waiver. Feels most recent information regarding school/cohort should be available on website*

*HS has concern that younger kids are getting less in person time with arguable most need.*

*EP informed that there are two credentialed teachers for K-2 with instruction for both cohorts every day.*

b. Marketing and enrollment

*Current enrollment 150 (down 21 students)*

*RF we need a plan to market school and allocate funds*

*JD gave overview of school situation. Enrollment, presence in the community and fiscal responsibility are all key facets.*

*Discussion of aspects of school to promote - outdoor education, high academic performance, small class size.*

*Revisited ad hoc committees from previous board retreat.*

8) **Board Business**

a. Approve ad-hoc committees; Development, Marketing, Governance

*Motion to approve ad-hoc committees: EP*

*Second: KK*

*Discussion: Board members signed up for one of the three committees. Agreement to meet before the next board meeting and present relevant information.*

*Ad Hoc Development: KK, JD, NB*

*Ad Hoc Marketing: KD, DT, RF*

*Ad Hoc Governance: EP, HS, BT*

*Vote: Approved 7-0-0*

9) **Action Items**

a. none

- 10) **Future Agenda Items**
  - a. Board Meeting December 8, 2020 at 3:30pm

- 11) Public Comment on Closed Session Items

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- 12) a. *none*

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- 13) Report out from Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT

*Meeting adjourned at 5:26pm*