

**Santa Ynez Valley Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 24, 2021
5:30 pm in Room 312 (PE)**

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President at 3:35 pm

- 2) **ROLL CALL:**

Robert Feinberg (RF), Board President (2022)	x
Kelly Kay (KK), Vice President (2021)	x
Byranie Thomas (BT), Secretary (2021)	x
Kevin Donnelly (KD), Member at Large (2021)	x
Nicole Brians (NB), Member at Large (2023)	x
Debbie Trujillo (DT), Middle School Teacher Rep. (2021)	x
Eugenia Pappas (EP), Elementary Teacher Rep (2021)	x
Maurene Donner (MD), Superintendent College School District	x

OTHER ATTENDEES:

John Dewey (JD), Executive Director	x
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- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** for August 24, 2021
Motion to approve agenda: KK
Second: KD
Discussion: None
Vote: Approved 7-0-0

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- 4) **Public Comment**
None

- 5) **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting June 22, 2021
Motion to approve minutes: NB
Second: DT
Discussion:
Vote: Approved 6-0-1

- 6) **Standing Reports**
 - a. Treasurer's Report
Report included in packet. JD explained the different expenses
 - b. Director's Report
Report included in packet. Enrollment at 171. Typical because families often double enroll. Increase over 150 last year. KK asked what enrollment number was used for the budget. JD replied the budget based on 175. The 7 in TK is higher than usual. Invested in 7th/8th curriculum to coordinate with the change at the high school (Big Ideas). EP explained the Into Reading for K-4 has good social/emotional along with Science and Social Studies. KK asked if teachers receive training on the new curriculum. EP replied that there is a 2 hour introduction and more training is available. New curriculum for 5th-8th Science that is inquiry based- this is a pilot program. This is the third attempt to nail down Science curriculum in middle school. JD secured two grants totaling \$7000. The Whole Foods grant is to expand farm to table for school lunch. KD what the Ocean Guardians grant provides. JD explained it is a multi-year grant to help with composting (zero waste), kitchen usage (dishwasher), reusable plates and field trips. Kitchen

off to a good start. All parents are paying through MySchoolBucks. KK asked about the universal school lunch program. Our school plans to offer next school year. After school program is continuing - currently at 13 students. RF asked about how the Lead Teacher position is developing. JD thinks it is going well. DT added that there was a lot to do with the start of school. NB complimented the communication thus far.

7) **Informational/Discussion**

a. *None*

8) **Board Business**

a. Recognition of Teacher Representatives to the Board

DT explained that the association will meet this upcoming Thursday to discuss the representatives for the upcoming year. BT asked

if DT would be replaced now that she is lead teacher. DT explained she thought that at first but she will be at board meetings anyway she might as well be on the board.

b. Open positions on the Board

Checking in about the open positions. KK feels it is good to have received one letter of interest but we should extend the due date

and get a few more. BT asked how many of the board members will be at the Back to School nights. About half of the members will be at both meetings. Reviewed the first letter received. New due date is 9/9. Board members encouraged to reach out ahead of time to meet informally.

9) **Action Items**

a. *None*

10) **Future Agenda Items**

a. Board Meeting September 21, 2021 at 5:30

11) Public Comment on Closed Session Items

None

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12) a. *None*

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13) Report out from Closed Session

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm