

**Santa Ynez Valley Charter School  
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, September 21, 2021  
5:30 pm in Room 312 (PE)**

OPEN SESSION

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President at 5:35 pm
  
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**
  - Robert Feinberg (RF), Board President (2022)
  - Kelly Kay (KK), Vice President (2024) x
  - Byranie Thomas (BT), Secretary (2024)
  - Kevin Donnelly (KD), Member at Large (2024) 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

OTHER ATTENDEES:

  - John Dewey (JD), Executive Director x
  
- 3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** for September 21, 2021  
*Motion to approve agenda: EP motions*  
*Second: DT*  
*Discussion:*  
*Vote: 6-0-0*

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- 4) **Public Comment**
  
- 5) **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting August 24, 2021  
*Motion to approve Minutes: KK*  
*Second: KD*  
*Discussion:*  
*Vote: 6-0-0*
  
- 6) **Standing Reports**
  - a. Treasurer's Report  
*Report included in packet. Discussion around managing electricity costs, i.e. putting ACs on a timer, seeking grants to do an energy audit (KD to assist).*
  
  - b. Director's Report  
*Report included in packet. Enrollment at 173 - includes 4 new students. Congressman Salud Carbajal is visiting the school on 10/8 and presenting a flag at an assembly. KD to provide introductory remarks. Two positive COVID cases responded to per protocol. No further issues. Lead Teacher position going well. Desire to see documented goals. Side salad option to be piloted in November/December. Still researching universal school lunch program.*
  
- 7) **Informational/Discussion**
  - a.
  
- 8) **Board Business**
  - a. Recognition of Teacher Representatives to the Board

*Teacher Reps 21-22 are Mrs. Trujillo and Ms. Pappas. NB raised concern about Lead Teacher serving on the Board as DT is a teacher and not an administrator and the position is currently being piloted. Board agreed to re-evaluate at the end of the school year as the position evolves.*

- b. Meet candidates for position on the Board  
*Postponed to October meeting.*
- c. Vote on new Board member  
NA

9) **Action Items**

- a. Approve amendments to Independent Study Policy

*Motion to approve Independent Study Policy: KD*

*Second: KK*

*Discussion: New legislation around IS. SYVCS does not have any students in IS, nor do we anticipate having future students in IS. Major changes/updates include making electronic signatures available, listing computers and hardware in agreements, making academic supports available to vulnerable youth, grades TK-3 must have daily synchronous learning, etc.*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

- b. Approve overnight field trips

- i. Camp Ocean Pines 6th grade Oct 13 - 15

- ii. Big Sur 7th grade Oct 27 - 29

- iii. CIMI 8th grade Feb 7 - 11

*Motion to approve overnight field trips: KD*

*Second: NB*

*Discussion: Hosts have their own COVID-19 policies in place. Planning to introduce a short, local overnight field trip for 5th grade. Trips offered at no charge. Suggestion to add fundraising expectation*

*Vote: 6-0-0*

10) **Future Agenda Items**

- a. Board Meeting October 26, 2021 at 5:30

11) Public Comment on Closed Session Items

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- 12) a.

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- 13) Report out from Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT

*Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM*