

**Santa Ynez Valley Charter School  
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
3:30pm via Zoom**

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President *at 3:36 PM*
  
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**

Robert Feinberg (RF), Board President (2022)	x
Kelly Kay (KK), Vice President (2024)	x
Byranie Thomas (BT), Secretary (2024)	arrived 4:12pm
Kevin Donnelly (KD), Member at Large (2024)	x
Nicole Brians (NB), Member at Large (2023)	ab
Christina Trujillo (CT), Member at Large (2024)	x
Debbie Trujillo (DT), Middle School Teacher Rep. (2022)	x
Eugenia Pappas (EP), Elementary Teacher Rep (2022)	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 February 15, 2022  
*Motion to approve Minutes: DT*  
*Second: KD*  
*Discussion: None*  
*Vote: 7-0-0*

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- 4) **Public Comment**  
*None*
  
- 5) **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting January 25, 2022  
*Motion to approve Minutes for January 25, 2022: KD*  
*Second: KK*  
*Discussion: None*  
*Vote: 6-0-1*
  
- 6) **Standing Reports**
  - a. Treasurer's Report  
*Report included in packet.*
  
  - b. Director's Report  
*Report included in packet. Kelly to reach out to the Board chair of the College School District.*
  
- 7) **Informational/Discussion**
  - a. Investment Policy - the Board will consider the benefits of establishing an investment policy for the school's financial assets  
*Proposal to create a finance subcommittee of the Board of Directors to create an investment policy for the school, including parameters around investment amounts, etc. Questions that the subcommittee should address include: How much cash reserves do we have? How much cash reserves should we have? How much is available to invest? How much can be spent on school improvements? What is the comfort level on behalf of the school donor with the school making investments? What controls will be in place? \$200k cash reserves are required to be kept in the*

county account. Suggestion: Invite an advisor to come to a board meeting to present on processes/mechanics involved in creating an investment policy for charter schools.

8) **Board Business**

a. Ad Hoc Ctee Report - Exec Dir Eval

Parent and teacher survey to be distributed on February 28th and close on March 11th. New element this year will be a self-reflection piece, where John assesses his progress towards goals set last year and create SMART goals for next academic year. Results will be discussed at an executive session at March board meeting. A \$50 gift card is being offered as an incentive for survey completion.

9) **Action Items**

a. Accept update to the 2021-22 LCAP

Motion to accept update to the 2021-22 LCAP: KD

Second: CT

Discussion: KK asked about the social/emotional piece and the lack of trained personnel. Possible

to

have People Helping People to assist. EP added that the staff has had PHP on campus before and feels comfortable with them. KK feels this is the next health crisis and needs to be addressed as much as academics.

Vote: 8-0-0

b. Approve 2022-23 School Calendar

Motion to approve 2022-2023 School Calendar: KD

Second: KK

Discussion: None

Vote: 8-0-0

c. Approve 5th grade overnight field trip to Refugio State Park, April 12-14

Motion to approve 5th grade overnight field trip: KD

Second: KK

Discussion: KK and KD discussed the possibility of each class helping to fundraise for the class trips. Feel we should pursue that next year. CT commented that she got a lot out of the trips as student at SYVCS.

Vote: 8-0-0

10) **Future Agenda Items**

a. Board Meeting March 22, 2022

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 4:34 PM