

**Santa Ynez Valley Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 2023
5:30pm, PE Room**

OPEN SESSION

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by Board President at 5:35pm
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**

Kelly O'Connor (KO), Board President (2024)	_x_	
Byranie Thomas (BT), Secretary (2024)	_x_	
Matt Stockton (MS), Member at Large (2025)	_x_	
Nicole Brians (NB), Member at Large (2023)	_x_	
Katy Castillo-Dunlap (KC), Member at Large (2026)	_ab_	
Christina Trujillo (CT), Member at Large (2024)	_x_	
Roxanne Usher (RU), Middle School Teacher Rep. (2023)	_x_	_x_
Eugenia Pappas (EP), Elementary Teacher Rep (2023)	_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 March 21, 2023
Motion to approve Agenda: CT
Second: MS
Discussion: None
Vote: 8-0-0

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- 4) **Public Comment**
Emily Tatomer wanted to express wishes that 5th grade be stand alone classroom
- 5) **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Minutes for Meeting January 24, 2023
Motion to approve Minutes for Meeting January 24, 2023: KO
Second: RU
Discussion: None
Vote: 6-0-2
 - b. Approval of Minutes for Meeting February 4, 2022 (Board Retreat)
Motion to approve Minutes for Meeting February 4, 2023: MS
Second: RU
Discussion: None
Vote: 6-0-2
- 6) **Standing Reports**
 - a. Treasurer's Report
Report included in the board packet. On track to meet our budgeted targets. CT asked about the services and operating expenses and what else is funded out of that account. JD explained that a couple large payments go out at the end of the fiscal year, including MOU and Consortium payments.

b. Director's Report

Report included in the board packet. JD reviewed enrollment for 23-24. Waitlists in grades 1,2,and 3. Piloting a new assessment software (Renaissance Learning) requested by teachers. The goal is to use K-8. NB asked how the results of the assessments will be used moving forward. There will probably be a learning curve on how to use the program. Color Run is Friday and the PTSO has already raised \$15,000 through sponsorships -even without any laps being run. Performing Arts Week is next week pending weather. Book Fair is the week after Spring Break. First Dragons and Donuts was a success.

7) **Informational/Discussion**

a. Update/progress on Transitional Kindergarten and changes to the MOU/FUA
Was first discussed in the January meeting with our intent to begin our own TK program. MD consulted with the College District's attorney who made edits to the MOU. These edits have been reviewed by Charter's attorney. The Charter TK program would not change the FUA. The board needs to approve the language of the MOU. MD would then take that approval to her board for final approval.

b. Update/discussion on 5th grade as self-contained classroom for 23-24
MS expressed support for the self-contained classroom. RU expressed frustration that the teachers are currently putting a lot work into the electives and yet improving electives keeps being brought up. CT asked about the funding of the new positions. JD presented the 23-24 budget outline and confirmed that the budget would allow the school to hire a new teacher for the 5th grade classroom, increasing the overall headcount. CT expressed concern. KO summarized that making 5th grade classroom self-contained would provide additional resources for the middle school. KO recommended that the director pursue the self-contained 5th grade classroom next academic year. MD suggested a hybrid.

8) **Board Business**

a. *None*

9) **Action Items**

a. Approve Staffing Plan 23-24

Motion to approve Staffing Plan 23-24: MS

Second: NB

Discussion: 3 new hires needed for the upcoming year

Vote: 5-0-3

b. Approve 2nd interim budget 22-23

Motion to approve 2nd interim budget 22-23: MS

Second: KO

Discussion: CT asked what the Learning Recovery Block Grant. JD explained the grant is in response to the learning loss due to COVID. Charter will use the funds for intervention and support to be used through 2027.

Vote: 7-0-1

c. Approve MOU with TK addition

Motion to approve MOU with TK addition: KO

Second: CT

Discussion: No additional discussion

Vote: 7-0-1

c. Approve 'Comprehensive School Safety Plan'
Motion to approve 'Comprehensive School Safety Plan': MS
Second: CT
Discussion: MD would like to be in more coordination with Charter and District
Vote: 8-0-0

d. Approve 2023-24 Calendar
Motion to approve 2023-24 Calendar: KO
Second: MS
Discussion: None
Vote: 8-0-0

- 10) **Future Agenda Items**
- b. Board Meeting April 25, 2023
 - 1. *Update from District Board on TK approval*
 - 2. *Facilities Improvement*
- 11) Public Comment on Closed Session Items
None

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- 12) a. Personnel as authorized by Government code 54957 (Exec Director Eval)

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- 13) Report out from Closed Session
Continued evaluation the Exec Directors performance

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM