

# Valley Inquiry Charter School

VICS Governing Board Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2020

## **Board Members Instructors/Staff/Other:**

Board President & Chair Terry Rohse

Melissa Colby

Vice Chair BJ Foster

Taylor Tuepker

Treasurer James Carter

At-Large Chuck Hackett

At-Large Matthew Reynolds

At-Large Kyle McSmith

At-Large Ken Slough

Non-Voting Member Jesse Payne, Principal

## Agenda

### **6:34pm Call to Order/Introductions**

### **6:35pm ITEMS TO DISCUSS AND VOTE**

**Review and adopt November Board Minutes – NOT DONE due to not having the minutes to review. Moved to next month.**

### **6:36pm REPORTS**

#### **IB report Melissa Colby/Taylor Tuepker**

Melissa: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade have been involved with interactive science webinars, and virtual field trips including and Orange tree farm in Arizona and a Christmas tree farm in Oregon.

Taylor: Kinder has been working on a Winter Holidays unit. 1st Grade recently had a virtual webinar called "Mission to the Moon." 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades are working on a Biome unit.

#### **Treasurer's report James Carter**

James displayed an updated copy of the Treasurers report which indicated nothing surprising; we are on track with spending according to our planned budget.

#### **Principal's report Jesse Payne**

-We are ready to go with regard to physically returning back to school this year if we are ever cleared to do so. All furniture expenses are done.

-Mr. Miguel is official as our PE teacher; he has completed his TSPC certification. Also, we have purchased an actual PE curriculum for him to follow. Live PE will be added on Tuesdays in the future. -Panorama (Survey) data: We are the highest ranked school in the district! Also, our teachers and staff are the highest ranked in the district!

-Mr. Pat suggested starting a "Jump Start" (Pre-K Transition) program at VICS. Will cost us about 3

hours a week (Pat salary) during the summer, and the cost of a new classroom set of I-Pads.  
-Discussion turned to expense of buying a set of I-Pads. Approximately 15K including cases and 4 years of insurance coverage. We may end up doing this every year just to replace the current Chromebooks we have, and to start replacing outdated I-Pads.

### **7:10pm ITEMS TO DISCUSS**

#### **Update on charter renewal Jesse Payne**

-Jesse met with District leadership and board to discuss options, intentions, and District support. Jesse indicated we want the option to expand to K-8, and to have more control over hiring including the ability to hire non-district teachers and staff. With help from School District Administrator, Christy Perry, all are on board and want to support us in making those changes. One caveat; we will need to teach IB in the middle school years to retain their support.

-We all discussed various options including:

- Expanding on current site
- Relocating to a completely different site
- A hybrid of staying and relocating

-It was decided we need to have some actual proposals to consider before choosing a direction to move in. Jesse and BJ will be working together to bring forth options to our next board meeting in January.

### **7:50pm PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

### **8:06pm Meeting Adjourn**

Next Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021