



Board of Trustees Meeting * 09/14/2022 * 5:00 PM
Location: Venture Academy Auditorium
Minutes

- I. Call To Order: Sharmilla
 - A. In person were Sharmilla, Mark, Nissa, Christina, Steve, Michelle, Christel, Kevin, Andrea, Natalie and Roxanne. Randy was absent.
- II. Welcome: Randy
- III. Approval of minutes
 - A. **Action:** Michelle moved to approve the minutes from August 18, 2022, Andrea seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment - none
- V. Monthly Enrollment Lottery - completed
- VI. Mission Statement & Vision/Training: Open Meetings Law
- VII. Operations
 - A. Budget Review
 - 1. Steve went over the budget. The local funding is higher than last year. State funding and teacher supply funds came in.
 - 2. Enrollment was 6 students over as of September 1. Kindergarten and sixth grade enrollment numbers are slightly lower.
 - B. Action: TSSA Plan
 - 1. Mark went over the TSSA plan. It is very similar to last year and the goals are what was presented in April. The spending is the same as last year. 40% to salary increases, 30% to support staff, the remaining to supporting reduced class sizes.
 - a) **Action:** Michelle moved to approve the TSSA plan for the 22-23 SY, Andrea seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- VIII. Reports
 - A. Director's Report
 - 1. Mark talked about the progress of the addition at the K8. There are still a couple things that need to be done and we are really close to being able to utilize the space.
 - B. HS Principal Report
 - 1. Nissa talked about opening camp and the need to modify the plans for opening camp because we did not have enough male chaperones and the unfavorable weather conditions. We will be

having a day camp at each campsite on Thursday and then on Friday will be day camp at the high school.

2. They are discussing changes to future opening camps to only be a day camp at an alternate location then finishing it out at the high school with a possible camp fire. Also doing a closing camp where students could possibly choose what activity they do.
3. We are preparing for Fall Intensives in October. We are bringing back some exciting ones. Christina asked if the middle school could be invited to see their high projects at the end so they can see what high school intensives are all about.

C. K-8 Principal Report

1. Christina talked about the middle school opening camp. The 8th graders were able to spend the night. They had a lot of fun and everyone worked really hard and it was a success.
2. Christina mentioned there is a lot of fieldwork happening, the Kindergarten has their fall hike and middle school is preparing to go to a STEM event. 2-5th grade has upcoming fieldwork next week.

IX. Business

A. Action: Board meeting time change

1. Sharmilla asked for a motion to move to the board meetings back to 5:00pm.
 - a) Andrea moved to move the meeting time of 5 pm, Christel seconded and it passed unanimously.

B. Action: Approve LEA Specific License

1. Mariana Perez is the Spanish teacher that we are requesting an LEA license for. Michelle moved to approve the LEA specific license, Andrea seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

X. Policy

A. Action: Library Policy

1. Mark led the review of the library policy. It provides guidance on book/material selection and a process for disqualifying material for use in the library.
 - a) Christel moved to approve the Library Policy, Michelle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Actions: Educational Materials Policy - Update

1. Nissa went over the Educational Materials Policy. We are trying to keep our material positive and educational. We will stay away from offensive materials.
2. Language is now more unified between the K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 while also addressing different levels.



3. **Action:** Andrea moved to approve the Educational Materials Policy, Kevin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XI. Public Comment

- A. A parent was disappointed in the information he heard about the Kindergarten hike. A part of the trail was temporarily closed due to a fire in the area. There was some confusion about signage, and the hikers inadvertently went on the trail where it was supposed to be closed. The parent was concerned that even if there was no immediate danger, we were not showing appropriate respect in disregarding the temporary closure.

XII. Executive Session - none needed

XIII. Adjourn

- A. **Action:** Christel moved to adjourn the meeting, Michelle seconded, and it passed unanimously.

XIV. Next Meeting: October 20, 2022

*The Mission of Venture Academy is to **Inspire** the rising generation to reach the heights of their potential. **Ignite** their curiosity to venture into challenging new learning experiences, and through service, **Empower** them to be leaders who are committed to family and community...then they can **Achieve** their dreams and shape their world.*