

Vanguard Classical School
Board of Directors Meeting
September 26, 2024
Call to order 6:33 pm MT

MINUTES

Preliminary

Call to order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance (6:33pm) by
Natalie Doxey

Board Members:

- Natalie Doxey (Chair)
- Ousman Ba
- Ryan Gensler joined 6:34pm
- Vanessa Sanchez Contreras

- Vanguard Employees:
 - Karen Secor
 - Keria McCafferty
 - Nathan Bryant

Tatonka Representa ve:

- Maggie Regalia

Approval of the Agenda - Moved by Gensler, seconded by Ba. Passed unanimously.

Approval of July and August Minutes. Motion made by Gensler, seconded by Sanchez.

Passed unanimously.

No modifications or changes to the Strategic plans. They can be modified later on if needed.

Example the early learning center being considered by 2025-2026. Start thinking about long term vision in finding a location to have both campuses.

Long term vision for West Campus. Purchase is an option, instead of renting.

If the Board is willing, put together a strategic location committee. Start looking. Get together.

More concrete facts - sense of belonging for students. (Gensler)

Add - fully staffed schools.

Measuring retention.

Feasibility studies - for ECE, location for a 3rd location maybe.

Find a sense of where APS students are and where they need help for growth. Map it out.

Consulting firm, volunteers. (Manager Company)

Charter Renewal - Ousman. Every 5 years. OSPR looks at campuses every year.

In November In Depth review with the district. More details will be available.

Will provide in depth review with the district this year and will submit our renewal application in late Sept of next year. Glance at other schools.

Shine well on the OSPR this year.

Comment from the VCS Community – no guests in attendance.

Presidents Report

Reminder to finish reviewing the training modules. Will provide a certificate after completion.

Sports are in full swing.

Shout out to the staff in helping with the car lines.

Coming up are Parent/teacher conferences, (please sign up), picture day as well.

Executive Director's Report

SPF report - School performance framework. East improved but needed a 53, now at 48.2.

Majority kids did take the test. 95% participation last year.

Middle school has struggled but is expecting improvement.

Elementary school - 3rd thru 5th graders. Always looking at the growth roles.

2nd language learners are meeting their growth goals.

Access to state wide level, yes they are available.

East campus had been sliding down for the past years but as of this year we

are seeing improvements.

Expecting to grow next year.

High school is on the right track. Enrollment is also improving.

Practicing for CMAS testing.

Data meetings are happening on both campuses. To get kids ready for testing.

West campus on the SPF a little higher but under 3.6 % of reaching the 53 needing to be a performance school.

Lots of plans in place to get us back on track.

95% participation rate.

Middle school is a performance school. Teachers on both campuses are getting together to get East on track. They meet in all areas.

Huge shoutout to Michael Brewer and Abigail Roberts for their math growths in middle school.

Teams talking to one another on both campuses. Math is made fun in the West campus.

Both campuses have joined Americor. Math and reading interventions available.

Students have been identified who need the help and are being helped.

Making connections with kids.

How to better market the post secondary work we are looking towards. If students are on track to graduate. Certificates available thru Pickens. College courses thru BYU, and CCA courses are available. Get the word out so we can retain high school students.

Count day is on October 1st, 2024.

Karen and Keria to go out and talk to the schools about the advantages we offer.

Looking to Apartments and businesses in October to sell Vanguard schools.

Homecoming parade in East campus on Oct 11, 2024.

Culture Nights: West campus on October 15th and East campus on October 16th.

Trunk or treat on Friday, October 25th at 5pm.

Kona Ice will be on both campuses, rain or shine.

Day off for staff on Friday, October 18th.

Shakespear in the parking lot.

Outdoor lab for both campuses in October as well.

West campus field is still not being able to fund, and have reached dead ends.

Leadership team in tact; killer players on our team, people with great perspective with extraordinary experience.

Sabasto Toro, with a fresh perspective. Great leader. Students really listen to him.

6 - 12 grades.

Shawn Lewis, new elementary school principal. Great to see everyone working together.

Step 1 - East and West performing well together. Admin and staff performing well together.

Working on paraprofessionals and always on the market for special ed folks.

ESS coordinator doing a great job. Bringing accountability and schedules and is making sure students are doing well.

Proud of Keria bringing the classes down to 47 minutes instead of 90 minutes.

Bringing some incremental support in the form of a few more paraprofessional and some educational system. Providing the kids with the best.

Using contractors, you will see some budget modifications because of it.

Dr. Jones is working aggressively on recruiting the right candidates for our kids.

Proud of the whole Leadership Team for being focused on kids and coming around on a great visible way for kids to feel successful.

It's great to see the children being welcomed everyday by one of the social workers in the East campus. West does a great job already in greeting the kids every morning.

Need bus drivers. Need to see if any one has any connections with a company who can help.

Committee Reports

Financial Committee – Maggie Regalia

Dashboard all indicators are within expectations, financial statement presented VCS overall and each campus, detail financials with variance presented for VCS overall and each campus, beginning curriculum expenses front load costs but will level out through the year, expenditures by vendor, A/P Aging Summary presented, nothing of concern, check register presented; bank reconciliation presented.

Granger taken care of. All accounts cleared.

Motion to approve financials as presented made by Gensler, seconded by Ba.

Passed unanimously.

Dates to Remember: Next board meeting date – November 21, 2024, Virtual 6:30pm

Adjourn - Motion made by Gensler, seconded by Ba. Passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Calendar – Third Thursday as Standard 6:30pm start unless otherwise noted

November 21, 2024

December 12, 2024 (2nd Thursday to allow for winter break)

January 16, 2025

February 20, 2025

March 20, 2025

April 17, 2025

May 15, 2025

June 19, 2025