

Valley Inquiry Charter School

April Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024/ Virtual Meeting 6:30

Board Members

Instructors/Staff/Other

Board President & Chair	Cammi Carriere
Vice Chair	Terry Rohse
Treasure	BJ Foster
Secretary	Vacant
At-Large	Stephen Staten
At-Large	Ed Austin
At-Large	Vacant
Non-Voting Member	Mr. Gary Etchemendy, Principal

Meeting Agenda Minutes

6:30 Call to Order/Introductions-

6:35 Review/Approve Board Meeting Minutes

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3/11/2024 Regular Board Meeting, Terry moved to accept minutes for first meeting 3-11-24

3/25/2024 Special Meeting, Cammi moved to accept minutes for second meeting 3-25-24

6:40 Reports

Principals Report

Gary Etchemendy

Start IB classes this Wednesday, delayed because of illnesses

VICS Enrollment

Ms. Acosta

Just had kinder lottery, shares numbers in grades
Last week had multiple staff out. Staff good about jumping in where
there is a need.

12 incoming siblings, good to see. Still getting calls about wait list

IB update

Ms. Colby

Meeting for IB Eval. April 15-17, Monday-Wed.
Cammi thanks Ms Colby for all the information

Popcorn before break with movie

Gary shares how they are covering Mary taking another job.
Biggest void her knowledge of technology

Cammi asks of there are any parents waiting to get in.

Treasurer report

BJ Foster

Didn't get reconciliation with Mary gone. Drop of about \$9000, lists areas where
funds spent.

Some consulting fees, no surprises.

Gary fills in information about different payments during year.

Reasonable balance due to good budgeting.

ITEMS To DISCUSS/VOTE

Cammi Carriere

7:10 SKSD licensed staff update

Gary Etchemendy

7:25 Budget update

Cammi Carriere

Gary Etchemendy

Contracts, still waiting for final teacher approval, tomorrow is board
meeting. Gary gives figures for settlement. Lots of things but nothing to severely
impact our budget.

Cammi- we need to decide tonight to match or not. We don't want to wait too
long, focus is on kids.

BJ Question to Gary, what are we looking at year after year in expenditures?
About \$! An hour last year to this, Cost would go to about \$80,000 more annually,
more than this year. Expecting \$100,000 more

Steve BJ, Terry is this sustainable?

BJ always unknown. Depends on forecasts. Always risk but also risk if people aren't paid well.

Terry- agrees with BJ, need to talk about this more. A gamble.

Cammi- do we want to talk two steps or both at same time.

Terry- bonuses, should be matched with SK

Steve moves to approve bonuses commensurate with SK, Ed seconds, all in favor.

Cammi- continue or handle separately.

Gary- back pay from Jan 1 would match percentage of SK, match increase, not salary. \$1 not exact but close.

BJ leans toward similar increase, retro to Jan. 1. Do best for staff without crippling school financially.

Cammi- did most of our charter employees get a raise last year?

Gary- about \$1 an hour, classified met with percentage, District did not get raise for classified at beginning.

Terry- I agree. Discuss further to have quality employment and education.

Cammi- this to continue in executive session. Board agrees.

PGE waiting for several things, 50 weeks out, next year's budget.

Gary- has anyone talked to Joel Smallwood about that? Could hold portable.
Shouldn't be a problem

Cammi- any questions from public?

X what happens if we fail IB evaluation? We will get back a report, would try to solve any problems. 5 years would be next evaluation. We want to show know what we are doing and will work well to solve.

In executive session:

Leave session 7:18

All back except Steve.

Cammi checks to see if all are here.

Steve rejoins-

Cammi- we have open positions, using school calendar for new members.

May meeting. Let Cammi know if you want to change position.

BJ purchasing new home. Will be busy remodeling. Wont' have time to make up difference of Mary gone.

Meeting adjourned 7:26

*Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2024 in person 6:30