

Valley Academy Inc. Public Board Meeting Agenda  
December 14, 2023 @ 6:00 pm  
539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

1. Welcome
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement

*At Valley Academy we are dedicated to achieving excellence in our education, our character, and our pathways\* for the future.*

3. Public Comment

The Board requests that you provide written notice to be heard for public comment so we can plan for the time required for this agenda item. Requests may be sent to [miranda@valleyacademycharter.com](mailto:miranda@valleyacademycharter.com). Please plan ahead for your comments to be 3 minutes or less. Due to open meeting regulations, please be aware that the board will not be able to *formally* discuss or take action on items brought up in this meeting's public comment period.

4. Monthly Training Topic: SEL by Daniela Stackhouse
5. Review and discussion of Annual Board Calendar
6. Review previous month's action items:
7. Student Council Report
8. Business Manager Monthly Report
9. Director's Monthly Report
10. Reports from Board Committees:
  - a. Finance/Audit
  - b. Policy
  - c. Charter Accountability
  - d. Executive
11. Approval of the November 9, 2023, meeting minutes.
12. Discussion and possible approval of the 2024-2025 school calendar.
13. Discussion and possible approval of the Student Council Disneyland trip
14. Discussion and possible approval of the Child Abuse Neglect and Reporting policy.
15. Discussion and possible approval of the updated Uniform Policy K-5th.
16. Discussion and possible approval to rename current policies to align with Utah State Code.
17. Discussion and possible approval of the fencing.
18. Discussion and possible approval of the travel for the following field trips:
  - a. Ski Club
  - b. Las Vegas Body Exhibit
  - c. Pipe Springs National Monument
19. Closed session, if needed. **Utah Code 52-4-205(a)**.
20. Any action necessary from closed session
21. Recap and assignment of any action items needed from this meeting
22. Next proposed meeting is January 11, 2024.
23. Adjourn

Valley Academy Inc. Public Board Meeting Minutes

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Welcome by Chair 6:00 PM

Board Members Present: Miranda Kloos, Alisha Terry-Martin, Ellen Ranta-Olson, Betsy Kimber, Wes White, Nicki Hill and Jackie Choto.

Additional Attendees: Nate Adams, Megan Smith, Daniela Stackhouse, Kandis White, Charlotte Potter, Cami Bohne, Brooke Scholzen, Sarah Herbert, Judith Barlow, Brice Stevens, Nikki Shaw, Paul and Kathy DuDov, Anna Reimers, Madison Raums, Tiffany Monson, Ashley Zeman, Jimmy Lamner.

Admin Present: Tracy Stevens and Dale Varga and JJ Tanner.

Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement led by Member White and Member Terry-Martin.

Public Comment by Mr. DoDov regarding the bus stop in front of his home, requested to meet with the Safety Committee.

Sara acted as spokesperson in regards to teambuilding activity of Tough Mudder, several participating employees spoke about how this team building experience proved to be enriching and empowering.

Monthly Training Topic: SEL by Daniela Stackhouse- Discussed second steps learning concepts and focused on how the brain functions when learning a new thing i.e. Learning causes our brains to grow and develop new neural pathways. Also shared the anxiety screening tool, GAD7. 67 out of 91 7th and 8th graders opted in. Results: 12 mild, 12 moderate, 6 severe, the rest had no significant anxiety. Sent home a list of resources for counseling options.

Review and discussion of Annual Board Calendar: Assignment for Chair Kloos and Member Choto to make contact with auditors and RedApple. Nate to send in the audit to Chair Kloos.

Review previous month's action items: All was posted.

Student Council Report Kandis offered a report for the student council. Food Drive is going really well. Continuing to meet each Tuesday with an agenda. Update on Happy Helper program where each student attends an elementary class to assist as an aid. First meeting for Disneyland got council members excited for fundraising.

Business Manager Monthly Report given by Nate. True up numbers gave us an increase into added revenue. 6.8% operating margin is higher than we had anticipated. Some other changes are in salary increases from the State. January will be when Federal funds get an update. Overall reported good budget performance.

Director's Monthly Report given by Director Stevens. 563 current headcount, with a waitlist. Oliver Musical performance tomorrow evening. 12/19 Mr. Grinch will be coming to VAC. Singalong on 12/20 and early out. 1/2 PD day. 1/9-1/10 Classroom management training. 1/18 Approval from State Charter Board. Will give Final School Land Trust.

Reports from Board Committees:

- e. Finance/Audit- Report from Chair Kloos which included announcement of bonuses being delivered.
- f. Policy- Report from Member Ranta-Olson with several policies ready for board approval.
- g. Charter Accountability- Report from Director Stevens Title I Site visit went well, upcoming trainings and risk assessments.
- h. Executive- Report from Chair Kloos discussed tough mudder and culture of the school. Discussion around future expansion for 9th now that it is approved.

Member White made a motion for Approval of the November 9, 2023, meeting minutes. Member Ranta-Olson second. **Miranda Kloos- Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin-Yes, Ellen Ranta-Olson- Yes, Betsy Kimber- Yes, Jackie Choto- Yes, Nicki Hill- Yes, Wes White- Yes**

Member Terry-Martin made a motion for Approval of Discussion and possible approval of the 2024-2025 school calendar. Member White second. **Miranda Kloos- Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin-Yes, Ellen Ranta-Olson- Yes, Betsy Kimber- Yes, Jackie Choto- Yes, Nicki Hill- Yes, Wes White- Yes**

Member White made a motion for Approval of Discussion and possible approval of the Student Council Disneyland trip. Member Kimber second. **Miranda Kloos- Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin-Yes, Ellen Ranta-Olson- Yes, Betsy Kimber- Yes, Jackie Choto- Yes, Nicki Hill- Yes, Wes White- Yes**

Member Ranta-Olson made a motion for Approval of Discussion and possible approval of the Child Abuse Neglect

and Reporting policy. Member White second. **Miranda Kloos- Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin-Yes, Ellen Ranta-Olson- Yes, Betsy Kimber- Yes, Jackie Choto- Yes, Nicki Hill- Yes, Wes White- Yes**

Member White made a motion for Approval of Discussion and possible approval of the updated Uniform Policy K-5th. Member Kimber second. **Miranda Kloos- Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin-Yes, Ellen Ranta-Olson- Yes, Betsy Kimber- Yes, Jackie Choto- Yes, Nicki Hill- Yes, Wes White- Yes**

Chair Kloos made a motion to Table the Approval of Discussion and possible approval to rename current policies to align with Utah State Code. Member White second. **Miranda Kloos- Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin-Yes, Ellen Ranta-Olson- Yes, Betsy Kimber- Yes, Jackie Choto- Yes, Nicki Hill- Yes, Wes White- Yes**

Member White made a motion for Approval of Discussion and possible approval of the fencing. Member Choto second. **Miranda Kloos- Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin-Yes, Ellen Ranta-Olson- Yes, Betsy Kimber- Yes, Jackie Choto- Yes, Nicki Hill- Yes, Wes White- Yes**

Member White made a motion for Approval of Discussion and possible approval of the travel for the following field trips, :

- a. Ski Club
- b. Las Vegas Body Exhibit
- c. Pipe Springs National Monument

Member Kimber second. **Miranda Kloos- Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin-Yes, Ellen Ranta-Olson- Yes, Betsy Kimber- Yes, Jackie Choto- Yes, Nicki Hill- Yes, Wes White- Yes**

Chair Kloos made a motion for a closed session to discuss purchase/lease/sale of real estate. Roll Call: **Miranda Kloos, Alisha Terry-Martin, Ellen Ranta-Olson, Betsy Kimber, Jackie Choto, Nicki Hill, Wes White**  
Additional attendees: Nate Adams, Tracy Stevens, Dale Varga, JJ Tanner.

Chair Kloos made a motion to move back into open session. Member White Second. Role call: **Miranda Kloos, Alisha Terry-Martin, Betsy Kimber, Jackie Choto, Nicki Hill, Wes White, Ellen Ranta-Olson**

Back in open session at 8:20 PM.

No action necessary from closed session

Recap and assignment of any action items needed from this meeting- Post school calendar, policies and minutes.

Next proposed meeting is January 11, 2024.

Member Ranta-Olson made a motion to Adjourn, Member White second. **Miranda Kloos- Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin- Yes, Ellen Ranta-Olson- Yes, Betsy Kimber- Yes, Jackie Choto- Yes, Nicki Hill- Yes, Wes White- Yes**

Adjourn 8:21 PM.