



The Valley School of Southern Oregon
857 Valley View Dr. Medford, OR 97504

Agenda and Minutes

Date and Time: December 13, 2023 - 5.45p to 7.00p

Location: The Valley School or Join Zoom Meeting

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BOARD MEMBERS: Rainy Tilton, Kaitie Warner, Matt Whitmer, Dan Akita, Amy Maukonen, Kim Parkerson, Stacy Fields

STAFF: Lily Reishman, Academic Director - Kris Von Wald, Executive Director

MISSION OF THE BOARD: *Provide direction and leadership for The Valley School by shaping the vision, mission and goals, by developing a series of policies and frameworks for how the school runs, by establishing good working relationships with the director, staff and community, and by supervising and protecting the fiscal interest of the school to assure that our mission is sustainable.*

MISSION OF THE VALLEY SCHOOL: *The Valley School changes middle schoolers' lives by fostering a culture of curiosity, creativity, and community.*

ATTENDANCE

Present: Rainy Tilton, Kaitie Warner, Matt Whitmer, Dan Akita, Amy Maukonen, Kim Parkerson, Stacy Fields

Absent: None

Staff - Present: Lily Reishman, Kris Von Wald

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Yes

GUESTS: Jared Doshier, Payton Henderson, Liam Nugent

PURPOSE: This meeting will focus on the new building and continue to evolve the strategic planning process.

AGENDA:

Time	Item	Item Owner /Presenter	Purpose
5.00p	Call to Order and Roll Call	Rainy	Connect
	Consent to Agenda	Rainy	Decision

	Approve Minutes of past meeting: November 8, 2023	Rainy	Decision
	Information and Announcements: Academic Director Update, including an update on parent conferences. Announcement of the unexpected death of Madrone Trail Executive Director and Lily and Kris feedback from connections with Madrone Trail at and following the Charter School conference. Auction and Dinner location TBD tentatively planned for April 26, 2024	Lily Kris	Information
	Content item 1: Presentation of SIA Annual Report	Kris	Information
	Content item 2: Update on campus incident	Kris/Lily	Discussion
	Content item 3: Finance Committee Report	Matt	Information
	Content item 4: Strategic Planning Process	Kris	Discussion
	Content item 5: Building/Facilities Update	Kris	Discussion
	Public Comment	Rainy	Discussion
6.00p	Adjourn	Rainy	Decision

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Amy moved and Kim seconded; Agenda adopted

MINUTES TO APPROVE: Dan moved and Matt seconded; Minutes of 11.8.2023 meeting approved

Content Item 1: Presentation of SIA Annual Report - See attached
SIA Annual Report was presented by Kris, highlighting the addition of outcomes, strategies and activities to increase campus security and increase community engagement and awareness.

Content Item 2: Update on campus incident
Kris and Lily provided more detail about the incident on campus related to possible threat of violence. An extensive discussion with questions and reflections followed, including how the

issue was dealt with, resolved and lessons learned. Board requested a formal, retrospective assessment of threat be completed to determine what might have been missed and to ensure the school is properly trained and follows appropriate steps to provide resources for students, families and staff. The formal report will be completed and presented at the next Board meeting along with recommendations for the future.

Content Item 3: Finance Committee Report - See attached

Matt presented the Finance Committee Reports noting the strong position of the school going into building construction and also providing a caution about possible unplanned expenditures related to the building (see below). A request was made for providing the staff with a year-end gift, which the Finance Committee is recommending the Board approve. Motion was made to approve the year-end gift, seconded, no discussion; year-end gift was approved.

Content Item 4: Strategic Planning Process and Content item 5: Building/Facilities Update (combined)

Kris received the updated budget for the project the day before the Board meeting. This new budget includes the actual subcontracted amounts and is coming in just under the original budget with the exception of two large additions: (1) extension of sewer line at \$13,311 and (2) addition of fire alarm at \$29,850. These amounts are required, taking the total project budget to \$839,742. Building use and the build of Phase 2 of the project was discussed. A full and complete discussion about the building in light of the strategic planning process, current building use and needs, and actual budget will be the topic of the next board meeting.

One question for Board decision is whether or not to get coverage for the building while under construction. Outlier has general liability insurance for anything that happens on site (including the campus outside of the construction zone) to workers, visitors, students, staff, existing building, etc. However if anything were to happen that doesn't result from something Outlier did or did not do (ie, weather, wind, fire) then whatever had been done to that date would not be covered. The additional policy expense is estimated to be \$1,500. Kim moved to add the coverage now, Kaitie seconded; motion to add insurance coverage now passed.

Public Comment: None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2023, 5.00p to 6.30p

ADJOURNMENT: 7.15 pm