



The Valley School of Southern Oregon
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Agenda and Minutes

Date and Time: August 30, 2023

Location: The Valley School or Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85817234619>

Meeting ID: 858 1723 4619

BOARD MEMBERS: Rainy Tilton, Jeff Lynn, Kaitie Warner, Matt Whitmer, Robyn Colburn

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

Board - Present: Rainy, Kaitie, Jeff

Absent: Matt, Robyn

Staff - Present: Lily, Kris

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Yes

GUESTS: Jeanetta Woodside, Amy Maukonen, Jared Doshier, Autumn Doshier, Michelle Oborn, Dan Akita, Payton Henderson, Liam Nugent, Julia Cuppy

PURPOSE: This meeting is the beginning of the school year meet and greet gathering and reconnection for the Board. Guests have been invited to meet the current Board and learn more about possible involvement in the school as a member of The Valley School Board of Directors. As such, the business agenda has only a few items.

AGENDA:

Time	Item	Item Owner /Presenter	Purpose
5.30p	Check-in and pot-luck dinner	all	Connect
	Call to Order and Logistics: Attendance, duration, approve previous minutes, information/announcements, date of next meeting Meeting dates for the 2023-24 school year are proposed to be the 2nd Wednesday of every month starting 9.13.2023.	Kris/Rainy	Discussion Decision
	Consent to Agenda	Rainy	Decision
	Content item 1: Academic Director Update	Lily	Information
	Content item 2: Finance Committee Composition and Report	Kris	Information
	Content item 3: Confirm Officers	Rainy	Decision
	Content item 4: Strategic Planning Process Timeline and Participation	Kris	Decision
	Public Comment	Rainy	Discussion
7.00p	Adjourn	Rainy	Decision

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to Approve, Seconded, Agenda Approved

MEETING MINUTES:

Content Item 1: Academic Director Update on Start of School

Lily provided an update on the start to the year and her report is attached. With class size reported as 47 for 6th grade, question about size of 7th and 8th: 44 and 29 respectively.

Content Item 2: Finance Committee Composition and Report

Kris provided an update on the status of finances, summarizing the content of the Finance Committee report. Finance Committee is currently Jeff, Matt, Kim Parkerson and Kris. Jeff has stated a desire to stand down as Treasurer but will hold the position until someone is found to replace him.

Content Item 3: Confirm Officers - item changed from decision to information

Board Chair/President is Rainy and Treasurer is temporarily Jeff. According to the bylaws, we must have at least a President, Treasurer and Secretary. Instead of confirming who might hold officer positions now, officers will be confirmed once applications for the Board are received and appointments made in the next month. Expressions of interest for Board participation will be actively solicited.

Content Item 4: Strategic Planning Process Timeline and Participation - item changed from decision to information

Kris discussed the need to engage in a strategic planning process to create a new strategic plan (the last one is out of date). It is likely to need a committee to lead and complete the process for Board approval. Since this is an area of her expertise, she will come back with a process proposal for the Board to approve and then commence a community engagement process.

Public Comment:

Question about whether staff have any concerns about former staff holding Board positions. Kris will solicit opinions of all staff and include that in the discussion about future board appointments.

Question about whether students do or could participate on the Board. Discussion that the student and family circles might be a better place for students to engage in school leadership.

Information and Announcements: None
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: September 13, 2023, 5.00p to 6.00p

ADJOURNMENT: 6.45 pm

Minutes Approved: _____