

**Agenda Items for
La Vida Board of Directors
November 8, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER TIME: ____

ROLL CALL: Board: Cynthia Raiser Jeavons _____,

Kevin Britton_____, Freyja Scott_____,

Executive Director: Ann Kelly____

Business Manager: Mardi Hinton _____

Staff Reps: Meghan White _____

Observers: _____

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Approve Minutes for September 13, 2017
2. Approve Agenda, November 8 , 2017 (note October 11 meeting was cancelled because of wildfire evacuation)

Moved_____ 2nd_____ Ayes_____ Nays_____

COMMUNICATIONS (3 minutes)

Public Comment on Non Agenda items for information only.

Director's Report :

Enrollment: 85 which includes several gains and losses since October.

Financials: Working on First Interim Budget Report and Audit. Both should be on next month's agenda for approval. It is also time for the 990 Tax Return for which an extension may be filed for.

Business Manager and Director met to primarily expend the REAP, Rural Education, grant for the past two years and this year, approximately \$30,000. Everything is in place for the funds to be deposited.

The Unaudited Actuals or Financial Closing docs for 2016-17 are finished and waiting for the county to review and certify.*

Business Manager and Director attended two trainings: One was an excellent overview of CALPADS, California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System. Some will be shared with the Board.

The second workshop was starting to set up the new ESCAPE data management system the county has subscribed to. It will cover all financial and payroll data. The roll over to the new system will be July 2018. There are a number of required workshops.

Academic Accountability: The Fall MAP session was cancelled because of the wildfires
48 out of 52 students in grades 4-11 took the Fall Diagnostic. (First two weeks of school).

Weekly Check-ins are gaining momentum. Office staff and teachers are doing informational sessions every day. Many families didn't miss a beat during the wildfires.

Willits Unified: The Director met with Superintendent Mark Westerberg for the beginning of the year check-in. Discussed teacher/ intern credentialing, and reviewed items for the End of Year Report. The Superintendent expressed concern of the proportionately large number of seniors, 12 out of 30.

Submitted the September 15 docs per the MOU which included: Student List and District of Residence, Proof of Insurance and Workers Comp, the Office Structure, List of Certificated staff and their assignments, By-Laws, Unaudited Actuals.

Special Ed: All Speech, OT (Occupational Therapy) and Psych services are operational, plus the tutorials. Held three IEPs.

The kick off Reading Intervention Support Group was well attended; Only one attended the second one but with reports of great progress. The meeting date will be changed from Fridays to Tuesdays for convenience.

The Demystifying Dyslexia training by the Diagnostic Center was very informative and will be shared with parents. Three attended.

Teachers: A special staff meeting was held in Ukiah at Saucy's Pizza on the Friday before the return from evacuation. Discussions about different ways to support students. Barbara Bloom, Director of SELPA and a school psychologist came to a staff meeting on the first day back and provided a packet of all kinds of resources for physical and emotional support. The administration sent out several communiqués about what to expect in reaction and recovery, along with information for crisis lines and physical support.

More Classes received A-G certification:* World Religions, Algebra 1, and British Literature (received a provisional approval.) Odysseyware Chemistry was not approved for renewal because of an issue with the labs. (Chemistry without the lab received provisional approval)

Veteran teachers and supporting the new teachers on a regular basis, from supplies to the Intricacies of Independent study contracts. It feels supportive.

The Rainbow Institute was held at the Teacher Learning Community. Teachers in groups and singularly, presented articles from *the Rainbow Book*, a deep interdisciplinary investigation about the science, art and metaphysics of rainbows, (one of the themes of the year.) Excellent work by all. A true model of what Waldorf Education aspires to be.

Trainings: The Director attended a webinar on Reading Intervention Strategies and

SELPA training on Students with Mental Health Challenges in the Classroom.

The Jr High Teacher attended session on the Next Generation Science Standards (4 parts) and a Hummingbird Robotics Workshop.

The Student Services Liaison attended a Human Resources Overview and is taking a series of Simplicity Parenting coaching sessions that has about six sessions.

Students: Four classes collaborated for a very creative “Good Ship La Vida” scarecrow for Pumpkin Fest. Thanks to Angela Lau, creative coordinator.

The pumpkin patch field trip was held during the evacuation. Even though the turnout was low, it was greatly appreciated by all who attended.

About eight Rainbow Certificates were given at the monthly morning circle to those who demonstrated Kindness / Respect and working hard. (The other themes of the year)

About 20 out of 30 high school students attended Community Thursday. They worked in the Orchard doing clean up. The Bus transported which was a treat for some. The menu was veggie and fruit kabobs emulating the Eat the Rainbow theme. -A great group of students.

The first Zspace Virtual Reality Labs in World History, Biology and Art occurred. The students were thoroughly engaged.

Parents: At least 15 families were evacuated in the wildfires. Four students lost their homes. Two families were in accidents. Many relatives and friends lost homes or even died. The shock of the trauma has been great. Fortunately recovery is progressing. The school was able to tap into county support and provided new back packs and school supplies to the students who lost their homes. Plus \$500 in gift certificates for each of the same students from Redwood Credit Union and Senator Mike McGuire.

Parents were on hand to support the Ice Cream Social and the three day Usborne Book Fair.

Great support and a good time was had at the Dia De Los Muertos festivity. It was a much needed community celebration.

Site: The school was evacuated because of the wildfires from Oct. 9 to 17. No damage except for a burned out phone switchboard.

The big tree where the picnic table usually sit under is off limits until the dead branches are removed.

Outreach: Family Life quarter page.

The Day in the Orchard was a sweet and wonderful seasonal day. About 50 people came. The Music by the Jellyfish, was fun and entertaining.

Coming Up: The Thankfulness Feast and Performance of America's Tallest Tales* with a special Honoring of the Golden Rule Fire Fighters and Support Team, Nov. 14 at 11:15
Director will be in San Diego for the Charter School Development Center Annual Conference, Nov. 15-17.

Thanksgiving Break, Nov 20—24.

Willits Board Meeting Dec 6 for the End of Year Report,

Next Board Meeting December 13, at 6pm.

Discussion:

1. Review the Unaudited Actuals, year end closing for 2016-17*
2. Why Calpads data is important.*
Other Ongoing Business-
- 3.

Action Items:

1. Resolution 269: Approve the Unaudited Actuals, yearend financial closing for 2016-17

Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes____ Nays____

2. Resolution 270: Approval of two paid Natural Disaster Days for all staff who would be normally working. Sick time or working on November 10 are choices for makeup days staff who did not work other days during the fire but were paid.

Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes____ Nays____

Closed Session:

In_____ Closed Session Out_____

1. Approving the hire of the new school secretary.
2. Plan to replace teacher on Family Medical Leave.

Report Out Summary of Closed Session:

Time Adjourned _____

* denotes handout