

**Agenda Items for  
La Vida Board of Directors  
June 21, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL: Board:** Cynthia Raiser Jeavons \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
Kevin Britton \_\_\_\_\_ , ,  
**Executive Director:** Ann Kelly\_\_\_\_  
**Business Manager:** Mardi Hinton \_\_\_\_\_  
**Staff Reps:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Observers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Approve Minutes for May 10, 2017
2. Approve Agenda June 21, 2017

Moved\_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ Ayes\_\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNICATIONS (3 minutes)**

Public Comment on Non Agenda items for information only.

**Director's Report :** Last Day of School was June 6.

**Enrollment:** Year ended with 80 enrolled. For next year interest is at 90 + already, which includes exiting 12 graduates.

**Financials:** Preliminary 2017-18 is a focus of this meeting. The goal is to not deficit spend. Assumptions are based on increased enrollment which means an increase in certificated employees. Employees will receive a 2% increase which is slightly higher than the COLA of 1.56. The Director and Business manager will receive the COLA only.

The Auditors sight visit went pretty well, Independent Study files were okay. A problem was found with two Kindergarteners vaccinations which were incomplete and should not have attended on site after September 30.

The Business Manager and Director have met several times in Santa Rosa to work on the Budget and LCAP Board Account activity summary.\*

REAP, Rural Education Achievement Program, has been the focus of much action. We are not through it yet, but will be soon. We just learned that we have an additional 18,000 + from last year that must be contracted for soon.

**Academic Accountability:** The new State Accountability System will be reviewed at this meeting.

Local Control Accountability Plan, LCAP report is in process and must be submitted by July 1.

MAP growth results\* Not as strong as last year. Teachers believe that there were so many problems with the internet during testing, that it negatively impacted student outcomes. Students did seem serious, but were continually bumped off the internet and some tests took over a month to complete.

First tentative results of the Smarter Balanced.\*

**Special Ed:** One student was exited from a Speech IEP for accomplishing their goals. One 504 and two Triennial IEPs were Held. Psychologist services were contracted with EL Paseo Children's Services which worked out well.

End of the wrap up was accomplished in good form. All IEPs are affirmed and attested. No errors on the end of year CAESMIS report to the state. (California Special Education Management Information System)

**Teachers:** 3 more Certificated Employees were hired. The line up for next year is Fawn Bassett in K-1. Angela Lau in 2-3, Alexandria Curry in 4-5, Isaac Hillhouse in 6/7/8, Meghan White as High School Lead Teacher, with Karen Walsh, Larry Cole, Stephanie White and Suzanne Farris as EC's and some teaching. Edward Cannon will be the Special Ed Coordinator. Many Specialty Teachers are returning including Michael Charnes, Mana Young, Gary Martin, George Hedgepeth,, Cody Dooley and more.

Most of the teachers are signed up for summer Waldorf training. One teacher is doing two weeks at Rudolf Steiner College. Another is taking the one week summer institute at Sebastopol Charter. Everyone else is scheduled for the Essential Waldorf online trainings with Eugene Schwartz and team.

The second half of the Math Program conversation with all math teachers occurred at the end of year EC staff meeting. Some feedback was that more parent involvement was needed. Only about 50% of the math assignments were turned in. Also periodic tests and cumulative test was discussed.

Teachers learned about the new State Accountability System at the same meeting. End of the Year potluck was delicious. Michael Charnes and Mana Young received awards for their work doing the Brain Builder Block this year which was difficult work. Everyone planted a succulent in a jar afterwards.

Grades and the last paperwork was due June 8. Half met the deadline and half are still finishing up.

**Students:** Class Plays coincided with open houses this year which worked well enough to do it again next year. Graduations for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grades were held separately with full ceremony each. The seven senior graduates in attendance nearly filled the Golden Rule Assembly Hall with well wishers. More 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended graduation than in the past several years combined. The sixth and seventh graders got to play a role in the ceremony.

Games Day and Community Thursday closed the onsite program with lots of fun and festivities.

**Parents:** Curriculum Fair was well attended and accomplished the school's goals. Most of the new families came as well as the new teachers who jumped right in and helped the students. A mini open house for Kinders was included since Kinderhaus was closed up at the open house. Parents are still returning curriculum (due date was June 15.)

**Site:** The transition occurred to the new Maintenance Technician, Dan Miller. Jim Dougherty parted with a Roy Rogers joke, he will be missed. There is a long list of tasks for the summer, such as painting all the outdoor furniture, finishing the cob bench installation in the orchard, and lots of fixes... faucets, fire alarm, and hopefully the oven.

A new internet provider is on the Ranch, Seakay, and promises significantly faster speeds for the school. The transition will start the last week of June.

**Professional Development:** Business Manager attended two meetings for the Director, Region 1 for the Charter School Association, CCSA, and the Charters Meeting at MCOE about the new payroll schedule. She also attended a training at SCOE, and webinars on LCAP and REAP. The Director also attended the REAP training and a training on Transitional Kindergarten by the state with a focus on Child Development. This week two trainings, Universal Design for Learning and one on the LCAP by the Charter School Development Center, CSDC.

La Vida hosted a one day training on the new Virtual Reality Zspace Computers on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dee Dickson from Arizona walked us through the apps. She will return on August 18, to teach more about lesson planning. Three teachers went home with curriculum over the summer to integrate the Zspace labs into the onsite classes. Biology, World History and Art.

The new 3-printer came which will be integrated with the Zspace computers.

**Outreach:** Facebook blasts through Family Life Magazine.

**No Board meeting in July.**

**Discussion:** These items will be considered as Board Training.

1. Review, Discuss and Approve the Preliminary 2017-18 Budget (layman's budget) including REAP plan and allocations, Revised College and Career Readiness Plan and
2. Presentation and discussion of The new State Accountability Structure
3. Review, Discuss and Approve The new Wage and Hour Schedule and policy for Charter Schools.
4. Nominating Committee Report.
5. Other Ongoing Business-

**Action Items:**

Resolution 256: Approve the Preliminary 2017-18 Budget (layman’s budget)

Moved\_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ Ayes\_\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_\_

Resolution 257: Approve the adoption of the the new Wage and Hour Schedule and policy for Charter Schools.

Moved\_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ Ayes\_\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_\_

Resolution 258: Election of Frejya Scott to the Board of Directors.

Moved\_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ Ayes\_\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_\_

**Closed Session:** In\_\_\_\_\_ Closed Session Out\_\_\_\_\_

1. Review and Approve new hires:
2. Vote to hire public certificated employee and educational coordinator for Jr High.
3. Vote to hire public certificated employee and educational coordinator for High School
4. Vote to hire public certificated employee and educational coordinator for Special Ed
5. Vote to hire public classified employee as Maintenance Technician.

**Report Out Summary of Closed Session:**

**Time Adjourned** \_\_\_\_\_

\* denotes handout