

**Agenda Items for  
La Vida Board of Directors  
May 9, 2019 at 6 pm.**

Note: Meeting was rescheduled because the Director was at a required CALPADS training.  
The April meeting was cancelled at the last minute because of no quorum, many entries from that agenda  
are restated here.

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

**ROLL CALL: Board:** Cynthia Raiser Jeavons \_\_\_\_\_,

Kevin Britton\_\_\_\_\_, Freyja Scott \_\_\_\_\_,

**Executive Director:** Ann Kelly\_\_\_\_

**Business Manager:** Mardi Hinton \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff Reps:** Karen Walsh \_\_\_\_\_

**Observers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Approve Minutes for March 6, 2019.
2. Approve Agenda for April 10, 2019.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS (3 minutes)**

Public Comment on Non Agenda items for information only.

**Graduation Candidate Interviews:**

Interview with prospective graduates: Zion Ingram-Villagrana, Juniper Clancy, Rain Powell, Haley Kubas, Paige Brown, Emma Compa, Mercedes Murray. Students were asked to prepare these questions for tonight's interview.

1. Describe who you are. What are your interests and possible fields or careers you would like to explore?
2. What has been the most meaningful part of your education thus far? You might include skills you have learned, books that had an impact on you, projects or people you have worked with that inspired you, etc.?
3. What or how would you like to contribute to the world?
4. Discuss your Economics Project.

**Director's Report :**

**Enrollment:** Enrollment is at 86, Enrollment Lottery for next year was held May 1<sup>st</sup>. Approximately 89 students are signed up for next year. There are always shifts up until the second week of school. Onsite classes are full except for Kinder which has two openings for onsite.

**Financials:** P-2 attendance was a little short of the mark at 76.6 instead of 78. Mardi has prepared a revised budget and we are just okay.\*

Prop 39 Clean Energy Grant: We have a bid for the solar electric elements of the solar shade structure from Ralph Pisciotta Electric for \$12,657.37. Wood structure tentative bid is for double what we have available.

Applied for the Rural Schools Education Grant for 2019-20.15

Business Manager is working with our CPA to get the Federal 990's Taxes in by May 15.

Form 700's were filed with the county.

**Academic Accountability:** Testing season is nearly finished. The English Language Proficiency Test, ELPAC, still needs to happen this month for two students. Preliminary results show students did relatively well on the Science test. A number of students grew 10 points or more in Math.

Small turn out for Smarter Balanced Test, about the same as last year. A few more Waivers need to come in.

Held the Math Challenge for grades K-8 and students showed a good grasp in story problem solving and working out the solution using bar models.

High School Students participated in the Benchmark Fair. Fifteen, about half, presented on their projects. It was the first annual and there were some well executed projects and a great deal of pride of accomplishment on the part of the students.

**Charter Renewal-** The Willits Board of Trustees gave us a unanimous vote on March 13. Will be meeting with Superintendent Mark Westerberg on May 15 to update the MOU, Memorandum of Understanding.

**Special Ed:** Four IEPs were held in past two months. Director attended the March SELPA Steering Committee meeting.

**Teachers:** Grades for Winter term were turned in and sent out.

At a recent Teacher Learning Community- a course on Managing Behavior in the classroom – Antecedent to Behavior- was offered. There was robust discussion between the sections. The group will finish the course at the end of April.

Drama and ASL teacher Mana Youngbear is on Medical Leave for the rest of the year.

Teachers did the first LCAP review and feedback session. One more next month.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week was peppered with snacks, lunch one day, and the big gift of La Vida embroidered soft shell vests.

**Trainings:** The director went to Eureka for a tutorial on developing CTE pathways (Career and Technical Education.) Our areas of interest at this time are Informational Technology, Culinary Arts and Alternative Energy Engineering. Then a second trip to Eureka for the CALPADS Course Monitoring changes from the state. There was significant alterations. Important info about Independent Study and Teacher Credentialing re Ed Code 44865 that streamlines things for La Vida.\*

Nicolette Ferro, the registrar attended the two day spring conference for our School Pathways Student Information System in Sacramento.

Larry Cole attended the third session on the Social Studies Frameworks with one more to go.

**Students:** Twelve pieces are in the annual *Art Under 20* exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts. The opening was the first Friday in April.

As an all school celebration for the elementary school, for charter renewal and accomplishing the Math Challenge, there was a movie afternoon (the first ever) with *Moana* as the feature, chosen for our year of spirals in nature. Almost two hundred spirals are illustrated in the movie.

The onsite high school group went on a part day field trip to the SPACE performance of the Prophet which was brilliantly directed. They also went to a science careers show at the Mendocino College Gallery put on by the science faculty.

Open House and Egg Hunt was festive and fun. 15 new students visited.

Montgomery Woods Field Trip for K-5 was attended by about 60% of the families.

Great Day!

**Parents:** One Morning Institute on Expository Writing was held with only two attendees and ample reminders. The Simplicity Parenting series on discipline has started. No one attended the second one, even though some were registered.

**Site:** Having a heater that works is a plus for the whole environment.

More LED flashlights and butane for the emergency heater was purchased for emergency supplies.

**Coming Up:** School Pictures May 14 & 15. Games Day with 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation on May 28, Community Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> with presentations of Economics Projects. 5/30 is also Portfolio turn in day. 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation is June 4 at 6:30. Last Day of School June 10. Curriculum Return Deadline is June 11. Staff end of Year potluck and gathering June 12. Curriculum Fair for next year is June 18. **Next Board Meetings- June 12 and 28th**

### **Discussion:**

1. Review and update if necessary the Board By-Laws.\*
2. LCAP Review.\*
3. Other Ongoing Business-

### **Action Items:**

1. Resolution 295: Approve changes and updates in the Board By-Laws: (Specifically, to be delineated at the meeting)  
Moved\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_ Ayes\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_
2. Resolution 296: Accept revised draft of budget with 76.6 ADA  
Moved\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_ Ayes\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_

**Closed Session:**

1. Report on high school students negative behaviors. For information only.
2. Report on hiring of Kinder Assistant, 3-4-5 Teacher, and Art Teacher.
3. Discussion about increases for public employees for next year.

In \_\_\_\_\_ Closed Session Out \_\_\_\_\_

**Report Out Summary of Closed Session:**

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

\*denotes handout