

**Agenda Items for
La Vida Board of Directors
November 13, 2019 at 6 pm.**

CALL TO ORDER TIME: _____

ROLL CALL: Board: Kevin Britton_____,
Cynthia Raiser Jeavons _____, Freyja Scott_____,
Executive Director: Ann Kelly____
Business Manager: Mardi Hinton _____
Staff Reps: Edward Cannon_____
Observers: _____

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Approve Minutes for September 11, 2019.
2. Approve Agenda for October 9, 2019.
3. Approve Agenda for November 13, 2019
Moved_____ 2nd _____ Ayes_____ Nays_____

COMMUNICATIONS (3 minutes)

Public Comment on Non Agenda items for information only.

Director's Report :

Note: The October meeting was not held due to the first PG& E Planned Power Outage. Everyone including the Willits USD received a copy of the agenda with director's report.

Enrollment: Enrollment is at 87. With shifting in and out, it remains the same.
On CBEDS day Oct 2, enrollment was 85. CBEDS (California Basic Educational Data System) functions as the demographics snapshot day for the year.

Financials- La Vida Closed at the last minute this year which caused concern. The problems were consequences of the spring time when the business manager was on medical leave. The district has asked for more reports at the interim budget time, such as a current budget report and general ledger from the financial accounting system. The first interim will be reviewed at the next board meeting. At this point there are no major changes. A review and approval of the 2018-19 year end closing is scheduled for this meeting.*

All staff was paid during the power outages. Discussion about future policy will begin at this meeting.

Audit of documents for 2018-19 is underway. A draft of the audit should be part of the next board meeting.

Board Account Review*

Academic Accountability: The local indicators for the California Schools Dashboard were submitted on time, Dec 1, the day after the power came back on.* There were new changes this year.

The Fall MAP testing session is finally wrapping up. It was delayed by the two power outage events. Four home only high school students did not take the test this time. Data will be available soon to review.

Golden Rule/ Ridgewood Ranch: The new address is now operational, 11785 Orchard Lane. The transition is very much in process in that something is done on a daily basis.

Special Ed: One IEP was held and one 504. One of each was also postponed because of the power outage.

Carina Lopez the lead technician for CALPADS & SEIS came and did a training with the School Secretary and Director about the new procedures. She was able to clean up some questions. We were happy to have no errors.

Selpa Program Specialist Michela Figini-Meyers is set to offer a training on Tuesday, on Behavior Management. We had to postpone her planned visit to observe a number of our students because of the power outage.

All three members of the Special Ed team attended the MCOE/ SELPA training on *Dyslexia- What Next*. It was a very informative session and La Vida is in good shape with materials and knowledge to move forward in this area. Next steps will be screening K,1,2 which is now required by the state.

The director is pleased with the special work Michael Charnes is doing with a few of the early grades students. Positive impacts are seen socially, behaviorally and academically. There is still room to grow, but great strides have been made.

Director attended one Selpa Steering Committee meeting and missed one because of illness.

Teachers: Tutoring has begun on Fridays with a few openings still available in beginning reading and elementary math and algebra.

At the EC Staff meeting, teachers Jim Manly is slated to present on retirement investment options.

Faculty and staff had a little sugar skull making party one Friday afternoon, to prepare for the High School holiday event.

On Thursday, November 14, our school Waldorf mentor Eugene Schwartz will visit La Vida from the east coast. He will speak on the gems of Waldorf Education through the grades and give some advice on choosing main lesson topics in an environment like ours.

Trainings:

- The Principal's Network was attended by Ann & Isaac at the Sonoma County Office of Education.

Students: Farm Day, Oct 15 was a fantastic experience thanks to Keith Michalak and Jess. It was right after the first power outage and everyone was ready for community time outside. Students were inspired and wanted to do volunteer work with them. (School of Adaptive Agriculture)

The Dia de los Muertos events occurred even though they were a week late because of the power outage. Students made a number of pieces for the event, cut paper flags, decorated skulls, the pan de muertos was a big project. The Retablo with Offrendas was fully articulated by the students and especially by Isaac Hillhouse and Family Michelle and Juaquina Marin. Michelle presented as a Story Teller to the students and it was a tender and meaningful experience for all. At the party later, students seemed most interested in the hanging donut game and food this year.

High School students did apple pressing, sugar scull decorating and games on Wednesday. On Thursday they went on a field trip tour at Mendocino College with sack lunch in the grove. Karen Walsh organized the event as part of her College and Career Class. It was also in our LCAP, WASC and funded through the College Readiness Grant.

Site: We are still looking for a Housekeeper. Lisa Burgess has been cleaning on Fridays.

The Solar Shade Structure is scheduled to be constructed on December 9th, with the footers to be sunk the week before. The solar power team met last week and are ready to order parts. Picnic tables are also part of the project and hopefully students and parents will be involved a little with painting them.

Outreach: Family Magazine Ad*

Fundraiser: Over \$300 was received from the Coop's Give Back to Schools Week.

Coming Up: Eugene Schwartz to work with faculty on November 14, Thankfulness Feast and Performance of Vacation on Mars* November 19, Thanksgiving Break Nov 25-29. Last day of Fall Trimester is the 29th. Dec 2 & 3 is the Charter School Development Center Annual Conference in Anaheim this year. La Vida End of Year Report Review at the Willits Board Meeting Dec 11.
Next Board Meeting- December 11 after the Willits meeting.

Discussion:

1. Review and approval of the 2018-19 Unaudited Actuals.
2. Begin discussion of policy regarding paying staff during natural disasters and forced power outages.
3. Career and Tech Ed Pathways.
4. Other Ongoing Business-

Action Items:

1. Resolution: 300: Approval of the Unaudited Actuals for 2018-19
Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes____ Nays____
2. Resolution: 301: Approval of the Local Indicator for the California Dashboard.
Moved____ 2nd____ Ayes____ Nays____
- 3.

Closed Session: none planned
In_____ Closed Session Out_____

Report Out Summary of Closed Session:
Time Adjourned _____

* denotes handout