

**Agenda Items for  
La Vida Board of Directors  
August 12, 2020 at 6 pm.  
Zoom Meeting**

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

**ROLL CALL: Board:** Kevin Britton\_\_\_\_\_, Cynthia Raiser Jeavons \_\_\_\_\_,  
Freyja Scott\_\_\_\_\_,

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

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

**Staff Reps:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Approve Minutes for May 13, 2020.
2. Approve Agenda for June 30, 2020.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS (3 minutes)**

Public Comment on Non Agenda items for information only.

**Director's Report :**

**Enrollment:** There are over a hundred students expected upon opening, which is the greatest number enrollment ever. We could easily double our usual enrollment. The state has put a limit on growth in its plan to guarantee last year's apportionment. We can grow a little and still be okay without additional funds.

**Financials:** the Revised 2020-21 budget is to be approved at this meeting, which reflects the revised allocations that came in after the May Revise.\*

**Learning Loss Mitigation Funds:** About \$13,000 of the supplemental and concentration funds are coming from the Federal Covid -19 Relief Fund \$6,000 and \$7,000 General Relief Fund for the State. There are specific categories for the funds and there should be stakeholder input and must be approved by September 30. The areas we are proposing for expenditures are:

- 1- Parent Square, the all in one communication platform
- 2- For Devices and Connectivity for families to check out.
- 3- For Student Budgets about \$60 each, Fall trimester, for students who would normally be onsite and don't receive a budget.
- 4- Social Emotional Curriculum for High School Students
- 5- Other Curriculum for English Language Learners and will depend on input.

**Lease:** The five year lease with the Golden Rule is due and will be discussed at this meeting. The proposed terms is an increase of 20%\*.

**Academics:** Teachers and Administration have been in discussion with iSchool Initiative.com leadership to bring their active community problems solving to our students. Roll out will be pushed back to January, when students will be back on campus, hopefully. We will also be collaborating with Pacific Charter High School in Point Arena. They will also be doing the program. Our former teacher, Michele Taylor Jones, is now the Director of the High School there and is bringing ideas she experienced at La Vida to her program.\*

Introducing Reading A-Z to the packets curriculum which needed stronger reading development opportunities. Superintendent Mark Westerberg recommended it and it seems like a good fit for La Vida.

**Teachers:** We have three new teachers, Sara Westbrook grades 3 & 4 has a Waldorf Certificate, Jason Hodges and Alyssa Young both teaching High School and both have Social Studies Credentials. This week is systems and Educational Coordinator Training for them.

Monday- is an all staff Zoom meeting to discuss the return to school. The onsite elementary teachers will meet virtually with the Waldorf Mentors to help with the new plans. Main Lessons will be put off until January.

**In-Service** will be virtual for many this year. Only the core teachers will be onsite. Monday is all employee day with time to review the Employee Handbook, review health and safety protocols and the EC's will focus on Independent Study protocols in the afternoon.

Tuesday will be Elementary Day. Wednesday is for High School, Thursday is Special Ed and more Parent Square training. Friday is getting digital classrooms together and readying Master Agreements.

**Parents and Student Orientation will also be Virtual:** Tuesday, August 25 for Elementary and Thursday August 27 for High School. The 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> (First Day of School) will be Curriculum pick up at designated times. Enrollment update forms have to be submitted before curriculum will be released. Master Agreements will be signed then as well.

There will be a Zoom session, plus little videos that must be watched and simple questions answered before curriculum can be checked out.

**Parents:** Focus for fall is supporting the parents as educators. Many are coming to this role not by choice. Teachers will conduct weekly virtual Parent Institutes that will be required attendance. Topics will include, getting started with homeschooling, how to teach math, what to do when your student doesn't want to work, how to do Waldorf in the home and many more. These institutes will be required for all. This is an opportunity to build community and get support. There will be lots of time for discussion.

**Students:** Playing with the Oceanography play under the direction of Cody Dooley will be the fun enriching focus for the students. It is a musical, so there will be dances and fun make up, props and costumes for the various interests. It will be recorded as a mini movie.

Students will also have math class, Kindergarten through Algebra.

High School will have history class check in with study skills development and a chance to talk about current events and get to know each other.

**Office Staff:** Danielle and Lisa are ordering curriculum and putting together the packages for each student. It is a big job!

We have a new School Secretary, Katie Faye Gray who will have two children at La Vida. Katie is in school as well and has a long time connection to La Vida through other family members that have attended. She and Rhonda Reed are splitting the position. Rhonda will do the student data Registrar position primarily from home. The desk positions in the office have moved.

CALPADS End of Year Report was submitted by Rhonda on the deadline. This is the first year that the Special Education Information System, SEIS, was joined with CALPADS. It is a huge report for a first timer which literally took a couple of months. We contracted the School Pathways CALPADS expert to train Rhonda. They met a couple time per week. She also received special support on the SEIS section from the county's SEIS/ CALPADS analyst, Carina Lopez who started at La Vida as the School Secretary & Registrar a decade ago.

**Site:** The double pained windows were installed on the west and south. Round Tree Glass did a fabulous job and the improvement on insulation was immediately noticeable. Work is being done on preparing the outdoor classrooms with additional picnic tables, and shade structure for the Kinderhaus. The portable folding plexiglass barriers are a big project, plus the usual painting and other maintenance.

Outreach: Focus on Parent Support or ads in Family Life Virtual Magazine this month.\* Ukiah Daily Journal Back to School Section coming soon.

**Coming Up** In-Sevice Week August 17-21; Parent & Student Orientation Week August 24-25. First Day of School August 31. **Next Board Meetings-** September 9, possibly in person.

### **Discussion:**

1. Review of the revised Budget, including the designation of Education Protection Act funds\*
2. Review of a sample Work at Home Policy from our Attorneys.
3. Other Ongoing Business-

### **Action Items:**

1. Resolution 303: Approval of the Revised 2020-21 Layman's Budget.  
Moved\_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ Ayes\_\_\_\_\_ Nays\_\_\_\_\_

### **Closed Session:**

1. Review and discuss the proposed Lease.
2. Review of the new public employees, for information only.

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

**Report Out Summary of Closed Session:**

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

\*denotes handout