

**Agenda Items for  
La Vida Board of Directors  
September 1, 2021 at 6 pm.  
Zoom Meeting**

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**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 August 4, 2021.
2. Approve Minutes from Special Meetings August 11, 25 & 31, 2021
3. Approve Agenda for September 1, 2021.
4. Approve the Parent & Student Handbook for 2021-22.\*
5. Approve the High School Program (handbook) for 2021-22.\*
6. Approve the Employee Handbook for 2021-22.\*
7. Approve the Academic Calendar for 2021-22.\*
8. Approve the Fall Onsite Schedule for Elementary and High School.\*

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

**COMMUNICATIONS (3 minutes)**

Public Comment on Non Agenda items for information only.

This year we are inspired by “A is for Alchemy: Mixing simple things to create something wonderful” which includes a mini theme of the Golden Rule for another year.

**Director's Report :**

**Enrollment:** There are 93 enrolled 10 less than last year. The teachers have full caseloads.

**Financials:** A draft of the Unaudited Actuals for 2020-21 will be reviewed at this meeting.

**Academics:** Held three Orientation sessions and an orientation video is on the website. 85% of Elementary and 92% of High School were in attendance. Curriculum check out is still in process. We are requiring orientation proof and signed master agreements before curriculum is checked out.

Every one received orientation folders that can be used for the end of year portfolio. Folders included the calendar and onsite schedule when appropriate, inspiration theme pages, internet safety, an internet use agreements, Legal compliance check lists, Strengths Profiles, Facial Coverings, custom pens & pencils, flyers for weekly check ins and Parent Square sign up along with the Parent & Student Handbook and the High School Program. High School students all received an inspiring article about alternative colleges and the brochure with candidates for the Gubernatorial Recall Election.

All teachers have a plan for complying with the new AB130 rules for extra meeting time for independent study.

There are only three onsite classes this year for Elementary, one less than usual. They are Kinder, 1.2 & 3, and 4, 6, 7, 8. The home only group is bigger this year, in part due to the students without immunizations.

We are rolling out a new diagnostic this year, Fast Bridge, that has both computer based and paper pencil tests plus a Dyslexia Screening test. The plan is to offer it onsite during week 2 as well as offer it at home. A version of the paper pencil tests will be used in the primary grades.

Our Student information system did two trainings with all the teachers to help with the new requirements and general introduction and review.

**Teachers:** Four teachers have joined the team. Two are onsite elementary, Jess Yates for the 1.2.3 class and Jimmy Yuen for the Middle School. Bill Cornelius and Marta Wright are serving the home only students. Marta is returning, she was with us in the past for six years and gone for six years. We are pleased to have them all at La Vida.

One teacher will be in teacher induction.

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**In-Service** was in person this year. Monday was all employee day with review of the employee handbook which has a new section on maintaining a respectful work place environment. We played the employee handbook jeopardy game. Reviewed the health and safety protocols and covid safety plan. The afternoon had a EC staff meeting that largely reviewed the AB 130 rules and teachers devised their plans.

Tuesday and Wednesday were Elementary and High School Focus respectively.

Thursday had the Student information system training.

**Parents** Orientation was held outside under the new canopy set up.

**Students:** About 40 students attended the orientation and played at the kinder yard. They were so mellow and cooperative and seemed to enjoy themselves.

The play this year is a musical *Matter and its Properties, The Science of Stuff*. It will be joint directed by Cody Dooley and Jess Yates.

For Elementary there will be a two hour morning lesson followed by a leveled math class.

High School will have a two hour math class and specialties including Herbal studies, PE, US History through the Frolic, The Psychology of Personal Health and Wellness, Forensic Science and Art. Homeroom will focus on Student Strengths.

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

Emerald Wilson, parent, joined the staff as Office Assistant and has done a commendable job with all the Inservice and Orientation materials.... back breaking work.

The School Secretary position was held for about a month by Sparkles Totten who decided it was not a good fit. Rhonda the Registrar will be taking on those functions which are closely related to her position.

CALPADS End of Year Report was submitted by Rhonda on the deadline.

**Special Ed:** A new special ed coordinator and facilitator is in the process of coming aboard. Lauren Green has worked in the field for several years at Willits and Ukiah Unified, and will be continuing to work towards a credential. She will work under a Short Term Staff Permit this year. We will also contract with Partners in Special Education in Pasadena for compliance review support for this year.

We have a very big case load this year, with the new enrollees about 38% of the students are special needs with varying designations.

Tiny Eye continues to support Speech and Language Pathology and Occupational Therapy. Services will begin next week and welcome letters are going out now.

We have a new school physiologist through Mendocino Office of Education, Devon Redin, MS.

**Site:** Hired a new Housekeeper, Michelle Rutler who has been on the job two weeks and is working out so far.

Keeping water timers etc working has been a focus this summer.

Purchased three more canopies to make a block unit that will shade fifty people.

**Outreach:** This summer's ads focus on supporting non immunized students in Family Life Virtual Magazine .\*

**Coming Up** Peace Day Ice Cream Social Sept 21 at 1:3. Community Thursday for High School is on Sept 30. **Next Board Meetings-** October 6 in person.

## **Discussion:**

1. Review and discuss the Covid Safety Plan for the fall.\*

2. Review the draft of the Unaudited Acutals for 2020-21.
3. Board Business: Review term expirations and renewal. Discuss new candidates for the Board.
4. Board Training: Book study- *The Charter Board University*, by Brian Carpenter, Chapter 2 with Cynthia Raiser Jeavons.
5. Other Ongoing Business-

**Action Items:**

1. Resolution 314: Approve the Covid 19 Safety Plan for Fall 2021

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

2. Resolution 315: Approve the renewal of two year term of Board Members.

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

**Closed Session:** Time In\_\_\_\_\_

1. Further Updates and discussion on Anticipated Litigation  
(Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2).): Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One case)

2. Further Updates and discussion on Existing Litigation  
(Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(1).) OAH Case No 2021070162

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

**Report Out Summary of Closed Session:**

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

\*denotes handout