

Regular Meeting of the La Vida Charter School Board of Directors
September 6, 2023, at 6 pm. (In-Person)
La Vida Charter School Great Room
11785 Orchard Lane, Willits, California 95490

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

Board: Cynthia Raiser Jeavons____; Nicole Jones Ferriera ____
Dawn Kalin____
Executive Director: Ann Kelly ____
Business Manager: Vacant
Staff Reps: ____
Observers:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEM'S AND NON AGENDA ITEMS.

The Board asks the comments be limited to three minutes and will be considered as information with no action taken.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board or staff requests an item's removal. The item will be removed from the motion and will be discussed and considered immediately following the Consent Agenda.

1. Approve Minutes for the August 9, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Approve Agenda for September 6, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
3. Approve the 2023-24 Academic Calendar*
4. Approve the 2023-24 Employee Handbook.*
5. Approve the 2023-24 Parent and Student Handbook*
6. Approve the 2023-24 High School Program*
7. Approve the Fall 2023 Elementary Onsite Schedule*
8. Approve the Fall 2023 High School Onsite Schedule*

Moved _____ 2nd _____ Ayes _____ Nays _____ Abstention _____

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1 Review and Approve the Unaudited Actuals, Financial Closing Report (or Draft) for the 2022-23 year.* Prepared by Total School Solutions.

2 Review and Approve the Career and Technical Education Pathways Program*

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Resolution 339 Approve the Unaudited Actuals, Financial Closing Report for the 2021-22 year.

Moved ____ 2nd ____ Ayes ____ Nays ____ Abstention _____

2. Resolution 340: Approve the Career and Technical Education Program

Moved ____ 2nd ____ Ayes ____ Nays ____ Abstention _____

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Enrollment: 75 with a short waitlist. Openings in High School.

Financials: Review of the Unaudited Actuals that were prepared by Total Educational Solutions, Rae Poole.

Audit- Most of the teacher files that were audited over the summer have been submitted, with two more to go for the 2021-22 audit. Both are almost completed. The 2022-23 audit submissions are beginning this month.

Academics: Using the MAP Screening test as the diagnostic for grades 3-12 this year. Home only students can test from home during the designated testing session. A packet was sent out on Parent Square. A paper pencil Math Diagnostic was also given to all the onsite students to better place them.

Inservice and Orientation: occurred and is the crucial step to starting the year out right.. The three weeks in August before school starts are the most intense weeks of the year for the staff. High attendance for Orientation. Students and parents received beginning of the year packets, completed enrollment paperwork, signed up for Parent Square, signed Master Agreements, met with their Educational Coordinator and attended an Overview and checked out their curriculum. Those who did not attend were required to view the orientation video and complete all aspects before Curriculum was checked out to them.

Staff: All but one teacher has returned this year and teachers are very pleased with their classes and how the year has begun. New in the office and classroom is Estie Hernandez, functioning as the new bilingual classroom aid, curriculum support and housekeeper. She brings a wonderful presence and capacity to the position and we are very happy to have her on the team.

Teachers made great contributions with their summer work projects. Angela Habbal created a year long Mindfulness program for all grades. She is also coordinating and promoting the RAZ kids reading program. John and Misty Ford created the first class

of our new Ethnic Studies Program on Native Studies offered this year. Misty Ford submitted 78 online classes and received A-G approval. Jason Hodges coordinated the Edgenuity offerings into the Career and Technical Education Pathways program. We are starting with 9 Industrial Sectors and 14 Pathways.

The Curriculum team was amazing- Curriculum orders and check out went smoothly with 95% having curriculum for the first day. The others were late in picking up.

One High School Teacher is on working from home status for a few weeks and is unable to accomplish the assigned classes. Fortunately a retired teacher came forward, Dave Smith, a math teacher and cross country coach we worked with in the past to teach the high school math class.

New Hire, a professional remote teacher will take new students, so we have the ability to expand. Michelle Halsey will teach an elementary writing class one day per week and British Literature two days per week for the high school. She will also tutor math and language arts for grades 4 and up as well as being an EC for those grades.

Interviews for the Business Manager are completed and now starting reference checks. We have excellent candidates who are all remote. No one applied that was local.

Parent Square is up and running with only a few gaps where parents are not signed up yet.

Students: The students are a pleasant group and delightful to be around. The K-1 class is in the main building and has six onsite. 2-3-4 has eight, 5,6,7,8 has 14 and High School has 14. Jr High and High School are over full.

Trainings: The last round of iWaldorf training will happen this month with the new hire:

Site: Starting Fire Drill Training. Last week had a close call wildfire, The Walker Fire, that effected members of the La Vida community.

Coming up: Next Board Meeting October 4 at 6pm. Peace Day Ice Cream Social 9-19 at 1:30. Peace Day Ice Cream Social for Elementary 9-28 at 9:00 Community Thursday for High School

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS: Non Planned

CLOSED SESSION: Time in _____ Time Out _____

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE - Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

REASONABLE LIMITATIONS MAY BE PLACED ON PUBLIC TESTIMONY - The Governing Board's presiding officer reserves the right to impose reasonable time limits on public testimony to ensure that the agenda is completed.

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