

**0Regular Meeting of the La Vida Charter School Board of Directors  
October 2, 2024, 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\_\_\_\_ Tim Cooper \_\_\_\_  
**Executive Director:** Ann Kelly \_\_\_\_  
**Business Manager:** Chris Russell \_\_\_\_  
**Staff Reps:** Jason Hodges\_\_\_\_  
**Observers:** Guest Lorn Elkrobe Nalrod

Note there was no meeting on Sept 4 because the Executive Director was in a minor car accident on the way to the meeting which caused the meeting to be canceled. This agenda incorporates the September agenda.

**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 7, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Approve Agenda for September 4, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
3. Approve Agenda for October 2, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
4. Approve the 2024-25 Academic Calendar\*
5. Approve the 2043-25 Employee Handbook.\*
6. Approve the 2024-25 Parent and Student Handbook\*
7. Approve the 2023-24 High School Program\*
8. Approve the Fall 2024 Elementary Onsite Schedule\*
9. Approve the Fall 2024 High School Onsite Schedule\*
10. Approve the Curriculum Choices for 2024-25\*

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

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Meet Lorn Elkrobe (sp?) representative for the non profit, The Red Way, a collective of 16 tribes with its headquarters in Round Valley. They are concerned with the environment and the many aspects relating to it. He would like to share information about their programs and see if a possible partnership could be created with La Vida.
2. Discuss the decision from the Educational Audit Appeals Panel for the case relating to the 2021=22 audit was received.
3. Discuss possible strategies and cuts to the first interim budget to accommodate low enrollment.
4. Review of Draft Closing report for the 2023-24 financial year.

## ACTION ITEMS:

1. Resolution 386

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** A showing of the Orientation power point and photos of the Wild dye plant day if there is time.

**Enrollment:** 66 with openings in K-8 Home only.

**Financials** - Chris Russell, Business Manager is working on the closing of the financials for 2023-24.

**Academics:** The Launch of the new Math and Reading Intervention Program, My Path, Has begun. There was a training webinar for parents on Friday the first day of school. The Placement Test / Diagnostic results show more than half the students are below grade level in math and about half are below in reading.\*

**Inservice and Orientation:** There are changes this year which were the focus for both, the Inservice and Orientation. The Back to Basics theme with the introduction of the My Path curriculum and assessment, the Specialty Intensives for both elementary and especially for High School, the requirements of the Virtual Classes and the staff changes were a lot for people to take in.

Separate My Path trainings occurred for Teachers and Parents. The Oak Meadow company was hugely supportive of the school, providing three overview webinars for Parents and teachers for both elementary and high school separately. They also sent a significant amount of new curriculum samples and complimentary pencil sharpeners and pencils that were give aways at parent orientation.

Teachers also had a introduction to the Newsela curriculum which will be offered as a Reading intervention for Jr High and High School Science and High School Social Studies.

High turn out for Orientation 90%. The others will watch prerecorded video Orientations in order to receive their curriculum. 90% had curriculum for the first day and the others will have theirs when they come in to pick it up.

**Staff:** The resignation of Fawn Bassett, key teacher, two weeks before school starting has been a big adjustment for both staff and families. Two teacher's were hired to replace her, one for onsite classes, Julie Drucker, and one for the EC, Melissa Pettit of Covelo. Melissa resigned on Thursday after the emergency lock down in Covelo where her three children attend school. So the EC aspect is still open. Ms Angela and Mr Jimmy are covering the EC portion until we find someone.

Dory Haselwerdt, the new Student Services Liaison has been a super productive asset.

**Parent Square** had a special section at Orientation and the four clicker pen for those who signed up. People were great about getting on board.

**Students:** 30 students were with their parents at Orientation and really enjoyed the Oak Meadow wooden airplane kits.

The First Guest Artist Intensive occurred with Nikki Livingston Tsukamoto and husband Yusuke and Leyna Lightman. It was a rich integrated learning experience incorporating the ranch abundance. Teachers and students were happy to experience what was offered by these master teachers at the top of their field. Yusuke provided high quality photos of the event.

Peace Day Ice Cream Social with Apple crisps this year was very well attended and a Successful back to school event.

**Trainings:** Summer training for teachers was the re taking the Waldorf Core Principles Trainings by Eugene Schwartz. These will be the topic for two or three Teacher Learning Communities this year.

There were three Oak Meadow webinars for different audiences. Two My Path webinars and one Newsela. All related to curriculum.

**Site:** Replacing the wood chips in the swing set area was a big project and thanks to the Golden Rule for their help and use of the backhoe. New Surveillance cameras replaced the outside set. Tables, & benches received a new coat of paint thanks to Dan Miller.

New Housekeeping contractor: Clean Green Service, whose owner Veronica is excellent at her profession and has a niece who was a former student. She is kind enough to work With our budgetary restrictions.

**Outreach-**A pleasant placement in Willits Weekly Back to School Letters from Directors. Family Life Magazine has a quarter page ad.\*

**Coming up:** Next Board Meeting November 6 at 6pm. Pumpkin Patch Field Trip, TBD (hoping for Oct 11) Field Trip to Taylor Observatory, Kelseyville for grades 6-12 on Oct 25 and Halloween Party Oct 29.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:**

**CLOSED SESSION: Time in \_\_\_\_\_ Time Out \_\_\_\_\_**

1. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

**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.

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