



## **Vegas Vista Academy Board Meeting Minutes 6:30 PM; February 7, 2024**

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## **I. Call to Order and Welcome**

Board chair Eric Duran-Valle called meeting to order at 6:34 on Wednesday 2/7

## **II. Attendance**

Eric Duran-Valle, Cody Clarke, Victor Tavares, Elena Fabunan, Dee Sull, Nadine Bentis, Nicholas Mowad, Dr Benjamin Feinstein.

## **III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

Elena motioned to approve; Cody seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **IV. Public Comment (if any)**

## **V. Ongoing Items**

### **A. Executive Director Report - Dr. Feinstein**

- Need to focus on growing board, community engagement, funding.
- Update on students enrolled.
- Update on community engagement plan.
- Dr. Feinstein giving update on open house at campus.
- Updates on marketing. Explained how marketing firm operates for targeted marketing.
- Facility updates regarding Aguilas facility.
- Update on Red Hook purchasing church on 101 S. Rancho.
- Update on Seed grant. Also applied for the super bowl grant. Will apply with grant for after school care. Will apply for loan. Will apply for reimbursable transportation grant.
- Reiterating the importance of fundraising.
- Over 140 applicants, over 120 interviews. Update on accepted offers.

### **B. Finance Update – EdTec**

#### **1. Charter School Finance 101 Presentation**

- Presentation on board finance.

### **C. New Board Members - Individual Board Member Progress Reports**

- Eric has potential fundraiser and real estate board member.



- Cody has been reaching out to businesses in the area surrounding school.
- Elena has reached out to potential board member, Steffi Graff.

#### D. Fundraising Update and Discussion - Individual Board Member Progress Reports

- The fundraising show raised \$800.
- Cody has potential self-defense classes for children.

### **VI. Old Business**

#### A. Attend Battle Born Academy Board Meeting (Required for Opportunity 180)

- Eric, Karl and Victor attended last meeting.
- Cody will attend next board meeting.

#### B. Reminder: Nevada SPCSA Check-ins are on First Tuesday of every month

#### C. Officer Positions

- Still need to fill Chair, Vice chair, treasurer, and secretary.

### **VII. New Business**

#### A. Report from Chair

##### 1. 1/9/24 Summary of SPCSA Governance Standards Presentation

###### a) Charter Contract

- Eric and Dr Feinstein attended the meeting.

##### 2. 1/10/24 Summary of Battle Born Academy Board Meeting

- The board chair explained facilities and meeting details.

##### 3. 1/18/24 Summary of SPCSA Open Meeting Law Presentation

- The board chair attended open law presentation.
- We are following open law.

#### B. Approvals

##### 1. VVA Compensation Policy

- Eric Duran-Valle motioned to approve. Cody seconded the motion.

Approved unanimously.

##### 2. VVA Benefits Package



- Victor Motioned to approve with stipulation on sick time revision and Dr Feinstein will meet with John. Eric seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

3. English Learner Policy

- Eric motioned to approve the policy. Victor seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

4. Adding Adelina Fabunan to the board.

- Elena motioned to approve. Eric seconded motion. Approved unanimously.

### **VIII. Action Items for Next Meeting**

A. Board members to reach out to businesses.

- Board members should reach out to businesses for funding or sponsorship.

B. Board members to present at least one potential board member, and work to engage funds.

### **IX. Upcoming Events**

A. 2/8/24 Formal Employment Offers for 2024-25 School Year Begin

**B. 2/21/24 VVA Open House at Aguilas CFC at 6 P.M.**

C. 3/1/24 SPCSA Board Meeting Presentation **X. Public Comment (if any)**

### **X. Closing :**

- Board chair motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:27 PM