

**MINUTES**  
**Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Governing Board Meeting**  
**February 12, 2018**

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**1. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Michael Larrabee at 6:19 p.m. on February 12, 2018 in Room 224 at Val Vista Academy, 4120 S. Val Vista Dr., Gilbert, AZ 85297.

**2. Roll Call**

Present:

Michael Larrabee, Governing Board President  
Mike Dyer, Governing Board Vice-President  
Jason Stasiak, Val Vista Governing Board Secretary

Others Present:

Mike Sobieski, Dobson Governing Board Secretary  
Karin Meilstrup, Board Coordinator  
Gaye Garcia Leo, Hearn Principal  
Debbie Baca, Val Vista Principal  
Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal  
Cheryl Parker, BCS Director of Student Support Services

Absent:

John Huppenthal, Governing Board Member

**3. Pledge of Allegiance** – The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance together.

**4. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Mike Dyer to approve the agenda. Second by Jason Stasiak. All approved. Motion carried.

**5. School Recognition/Mission Moment** – Deb Baca talked for a minute about some things that she's learned this year, one specifically being how interested parents are in the specifics of the before and after care program. She had the Director Beth and Assistant Director Ryan come to the meeting to speak about what they've been doing. Beth and Ryan had a 6<sup>th</sup> grader come to show off some of his impressive dancing skills. They had a talent show, and realize how important it is to let kids shine. Beth has been with Val Vista since day 1 and was at Dobson before that. Ryan has been helping for a while with the before and after care program, but became a full-time employee at Val Vista this year. The team that is here is so wonderful, and there is a vision, which he knows is so important. Even if people don't have the same vision, looking to the future is important. They are working to add more specials to the kinder prep program. Right now they have art, gym, and music and are looking to add some Spanish next year. They are always trying to look forward and progress.

**6. Call to the Public** – There were no members of the public that wished to speak.

**7. Val Vista Consent Agenda Items**

- 5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes – Regular Board Meeting of January 22, 2018; Executive Committee Meeting of February 7, 2018.
- 5.2 Enrollment Update – Val Vista, 264
- 5.3 Personnel Items – None.

Motion by Mike Dyer to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Jason Stasiak. All in favor. Motion carried.

**8. Val Vista Principal Monthly Report** – Deb Baca talked about re-enrollment. They are asking to get all the forms back by this week, and she'll have updated numbers as she receives those. They are trying to get kids excited to go into testing, so they are working on having an Opening Ceremonies so kids are excited to show their progress and aren't just making it through. She also handed out an "intent to return" letter to the teachers, to see where they are if they are offered a position for this upcoming year. She received two maybes and they are working together to resolve any issues so that they will stay for this upcoming year.

Amanda deNight also came to update the board on the Community Development. She has put together an informational brochure that has information on all three schools. They are still tweaking it, but once it is complete, will get it professionally printed and will hand it out in the communities. Mike Dyer mentioned that this is fantastic, and maybe in future have some type of video highlighting each school as well. It could be on a thumb drive, or something that people can keep, but is low in price to produce.

The Ninja Warrior event is Friday and so far they've raised \$15,000. They are hopeful to reach their goal of \$25,000 and will be able to use any profits to go to back to the school for future events to bring awareness from the community.

8.1 Mentoring of Val Vista Principal –

9. **BCS Director of Student Support Services Monthly Report** – Cheryl Parker gave her monthly report. The numbers are fairly consistent with the last few months. They are still short a Special Education Teacher at Dobson, but there is a long-term sub in place. Cheryl is doing the paperwork for the students there in the meantime. She's starting to work on the class schedule and staffing for next year, as well as working on IEPs and helping bridge the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to be prepared for High School.

10. **BCS Director of Finance Monthly Report** – Annie Gilbert was out of town, but the numbers for the monthly dashboards and year-to-date financials are the exact same as they were in January. She also included her proposal for staff increases with her monthly information.

10.1 Monthly Dashboards and Year-to-Date Financials –

10.2 Approve Staff Compensation Recommendations for Next Year – The board discussed the compensation recommendations, but did not come to a unified decision. They have never wanted teachers to be paid less than they were the previous year, but need to look at the total compensation package, not just the take home pay. We discussed the possibility of having a telephonic board meeting before the March meeting for this to all be settled for the principals to be able to distribute the employee agreements.

11. **Planning and Development Committee Report** – Mike Dyer wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the Doodle Poll with regards to finding a Fall date for the Board Work Session. The Planning and Development Committee is working on the process to start finding new board members. We will also start having the community Development Coordinators attend the telephonic meetings from now on.

12. **Technology Committee Report** – They recently received the results back from the Speak UP survey that was sent out to the community. 39 staff, 47 parents, and 521 students filled out the survey. There is a lot of data, but they will have more concrete information at the next meeting. They are also working on having professional development at each school to increase digital learning.

13. **Possible Action Item: Timeline for distribution of Employment Agreements** – Deb would like it to be a window of March 1 – End of April.

Mike Dyer moves to table this discussion until after the staff increases are decided. Jason Stasiak seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. **Future Agenda Items** – The timeline for the distribution of Employment Agreements need to be discussed and voted on.

15. **Adjournment** – Motion by Mike Dyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Second by Jason Stasiak. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2018 7:00 p.m. at Hearn Academy.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Governing Board

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Board President

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