

MINUTES
Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Governing Board Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by John Huppenthal at 6:17 PM on March 4, 2019, in Room 223 (science room) at Val Vista Academy, 4120 S. Val Vista Dr., Gilbert, AZ 85297.

2. **Roll Call**

Present:

Michael Larrabee, Governing Board President (6:25 PM arrival)

Mike Dyer, Governing Board Vice-President (6:35 PM arrival)

John Huppenthal, Governing Board Member

Karah Gagnon, Val Vista Governing Board Secretary

Others Present:

Mike Sobieski, Dobson Governing Board Secretary

Natalie McKenney, Dobson Governing Board

Tara Yesenski, Dobson Governing Board

Amy Gurtler, Hearn Governing Board (8:00 PM departure)

Connie Johnston, Board Coordinator

Annie Gilbert, BCS Director of Finance

Parker Galope, BCS Director of Student Services

Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal

Gaye Leo, Hearn Principal

Deb Baca, Val Vista Principal

Absent:

Marcus Harrison, Hearn Governing Board

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Presentation of Colors by Val Vista Scout troop, led by Terry Naddy.

4. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion was made by John Huppenthal to approve the agenda. Second by Karah Gagnon. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, K. Gagnon). Motion carried.

5. **Call to the Public** - There were no members of the public present.

6. **School Recognition/Mission Moment** – Scout Leader, Terry Naddy, expressed how proud they are of their relationship with Val Vista. The 14 members of the troop moved dirt and painted a fence at the school. Terry shared how coming in last at a derby race turned into an opportunity for the Scouts to learn how to lose with grace.

7. **Val Vista Consent Agenda Items:**

7.1 Previous Meeting Minutes – Regular Board Meetings of February 11, 2019, and Executive Committees of February 27, 2019.

7.2 Enrollment/Attendance Update – Val Vista 284 (304)

7.3 Personnel Items – Reassignments: Katie Gurnani

Motion by Karah Gagnon to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Michael Larrabee. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, K. Gagnon). Consent Agenda approved.

8. **Val Vista Principal Monthly Report**

Deb reported Val Vista is preparing for AZ merit, participating in Chandler's Ostrich festival (with Dobson) and having an informational table at Main Event over spring break. Deb shared a copy of a print ad in *Community Impact* which has already resulted in a tour. Additional ads are in place and summer STEM Camp information included.

9. BCS Director of Student Support Services Monthly Report – Parker Galope reported that numbers are consistent with last month. She and team members participated at SPED Day at the Legislature and had opportunity to meet with legislators. An extraordinary special needs grant is being proposed in the 2019 legislative session, providing funds for gifted education programs. Discussion followed and the Board concluded it might be interesting to explore. Parker was asked to research the topic and present at the next Board meeting, as it is our mission to help every kid reach their fullest potential.

10. CS Director of Finance Monthly Report

10.1 Consolidated Monthly Dashboard

10.2 Consolidated Balance Sheet

10.3 Consolidated Income Statement

10.4 Preliminary FY2020 Projections

Annie reported out and focused on the FY2020 Consolidated Budgets, which reflects numbers carried over from last year, projecting Title 1 funding monies, a 2% increase in per pupil funding and staff salaries, and staffing numbers remaining the same. She is projecting benefits increases of 15% and property/casualty rates increasing by 10%. Annie provided a Special Education handout pointing out what next year's expenses will be (\$100,000, greater than currently projected based on current year expenses) and how this will impact next year's budget.

11. Planning and Development Committee Report – Mike Dyer reported.

11.1 BCS School Crest – Crests have been vectored and will soon be in your in box. An informative discussion between the principals occurred at the last meeting and some excellent uses for the BCS Crest resulted.

11.2 Fall Work Session – Connie will be sending out a poll for September meeting dates. Please reply promptly. The session topic is Policy 101 - Everything you wanted to know and more about BCS Policies.

12. Digital Learning Committee Report – Parker Galope reported the committee is investigating and looking into costs for Google classroom.

13. Curriculum and Systems Committee Report – Mike Sobieski reported the Committee met last week. The focus is on Science Curriculum and also looking at assessments. The master spreadsheet is being refined and will include visibility to the future. The meeting was conducted successfully via Zoom.

14. Academic Excellence

14.1 Discussion and Possible Action Item: Monthly Calendar and Academic Dashboard

The goal is to create standards and annual presentation topics related to Academic Excellence. This is a starting point, personalized to the organization, and will be very helpful for the staff.

Motion made by Karah Gagnon to adopt the monthly Academic Dashboard and Monthly Calendar and to include Academic Excellence monthly on the Board agenda. Mike Dyer Second. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, K. Gagnon). Motion carried.

15. Action Item: Discussion and Possible Action Item: Staff Compensation Recommendations for 2019-2020 School Year

Karah Gagnon made motion to adopt the Staff Compensation Recommendation by the Finance Director. John Huppenthal Second. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, K. Gagnon). Motion carried.

16. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Certified Staff Employment Agreements

Annie reported the Administrative team met and recommend the certified staff receive letters annually on Friday before Spring Break indicating a 2% minimum base level increase for FY2020. Letter receipt dates were added to the Organization Calendar (certified staff, the Friday prior to Spring Break, classified staff, mid-April).

Karah Gagnon made a motion to approve letter distribution. Mike Dyer Second. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, K. Gagnon). Motion carried.

17. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Principal/Director Evaluation Guidelines and Timelines

Natalie presented the Guidelines and Timelines which had been reviewed by the three principals and which will begin next school year.

Karah Gagnon made a motion to approve the Principal Evaluation Guidelines and Timelines. Mike Dyer Second. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, K. Gagnon). Motion carried.

18. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Principal/Director Evaluation Tool

Karah Gagnon made motion to accept the Principal Evaluation Tool with updated Marzano modifications noted. Mike Dyer Second. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, K. Gagnon). Motion carried.

19. Discussion Item: Revision to Principal/Director ASBA Evaluation Policy

Mike Dyer made motion to table this item for next meeting. Michael Larrabee Second. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, K. Gagnon). Motion carried.

20. Discussion and Possible Action Item: ASBA Policy – Extracurricular Activity Eligibility

Karah Gagnon made a motion to accept the ASBA Policy with revisions. Mike Dyer Second. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, K. Gagnon). Motion carried.

21. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Proposed Procedural Change – Involuntary Terminations

Discussion followed regarding the proposed change. Board determined they would like additional time to ruminate and vet over the next month.

Mike Dyer made a motion to place this item on next month's agenda. Karah Gagnon Second. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, K. Gagnon). Motion carried.

22. Future Agenda Items - None

23. Adjournment

Motion by Mike Dyer to adjourn. Karah Gagnon Second. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, K. Gagnon). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

The next BCS (Val Vista) Board Meeting is April 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at Hearn Academy.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Governing Board

Board President

Date