

MINUTES
Ball Charter Schools (Dobson, Hearn, Val Vista) Governing Board
Special Telephonic Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was held telephonically and John Huppenthal called the Val Vista Governing Board to order at 3:04 p.m. on March 24, 2020.

2. **Roll Call**

Present:

John Huppenthal, Governing Board President
Mike Sobieski, Governing Board Vice-President
Devin Grigg, Val Vista Board member
Rhonda Donnelly, Val Vista Board member

Others present:

Tara Yesenski, Dobson Secretary
Michael Larrabee, Hearn Board member
Amy Gurtler, Hearn Board member
Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal
Gaye Leo, Hearn Principal
Debbie Baca, Val Vista Principal
Parker Galope, Director of Student Support Services
Annie Gilbert, Senior Director of Finance and Operations
Todd Piluga, Dobson Board Candidate

Absent:

Mike Dyer, Dobson Governing Board member
Natalie McKenney, Dobson Governing Board member
Marcus Harrison, Hearn Governing Board Secretary
Karah Gagnon, Val Vista Board Secretary

3. **Discussion and Possible Action Item:** The Principals and SPED report out re: Pulse of the Schools due to COVID-19 school closures

John invited each participant present to comment on their school:

Debbie reported everything is as good as can be. Lots of communication is being provided. Several teachers have started closed Facebook groups (creating a sense of community) for the Val Vista families. All teachers have office hours-over the course of the week. Some teachers are using Zoom meeting or using an open meeting line for an hour every day. Different ways to keep communication flowing are being used and encouraged. The response from families has been good. Cards are being mailed out to students with birthdays. On the academic front, things are moving very well. At the community level, extra food supplies such as milk, cheese sticks, and citrus from a local family are being distributed. A Blood Mobile had previously been scheduled and will be on site Wednesday.

Dawne reported Dobson business office hours have been set for 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Teachers have both morning and afternoon daily session times. Hard copies of lessons are available for daily pick up outside the main office. Teachers are video recording, touching base with families, sending digital birthday cards, and reaching @504 kiddos. A Parent/Community online connection reaches @109 folks, sharing ideas and resources. Dobson is providing breakfast and lunch pick up and has provided @884 meals thus far. A tutoring resource has just been on boarded. Daycare is open for full time employees and community members on the front line in two shifts. Dawne has received excellent parent responses praising how quickly and efficiently Dobson has transitioned. Tara commended the teachers at Dobson mentioning the highlight of her children's day is to chat online with the teachers. She commended all Ball

Charter School teachers. Dobson support staff have been assigned 5-10 students to keep connected with and provide outreach. Reading intervention activities and the specials teachers are using BINGO-type cards which have been a hit.

Gaye reported for Hearn (this being their second day back from Spring break). They had held a meeting earlier in the day to create a three-tiered plan, in addition to the lesson plans which had been provided prior to the break. Moby Mack, Class Do Jo, Edlio, and Google Classroom are all being used. Hearn folks are motivated and on board! Key people have been named for specific grade levels. For the health and welfare of the community, Hearn is not offering day care or meals.

John mentioned that earlier in the day the Governor and Superintendent had just sent out a communication announcing a number of school districts are setting up day care operations. (This communication will be shared.)

Annie reported the Legislature passed the budget and her BCS budget projections were within a half percent, which is good news. She reported all employees are continuing to be paid and receive eligible benefits.

Parker indicated Special Education is taking guidance from local Dept. of Ed., etc. and is in compliance. All meetings are being held telephonically and she is hoping to move them to Zoom. The Special Education teachers are just amazing and creative! They are logging their time with students and indicating how they are working the paradigms. Parents have expressed it has been somewhat of a strain, but are amazed at the support they are receiving.

Devin asked if teachers are also looking at IEP assessments so they can be measured at this stage. Parker indicated there is some flexibility, and the IEPs are being matched to yearly reviews. Every student has an agreed upon plan which was created with family input. Parker indicated she will proactively reach out to the teachers and send out a quick digital learning survey to determine support needs.

In response to a question from Amy regarding students returning to the classrooms, Gaye indicated the Hearn cleaners are going over and sanitizing every surface, doorknob, etc. When students are able to come back, the school will be sanitized and ready to open.

John and Mike closed with Kudos to teachers, principals, and staff indicating we are on track to continue to run a vibrant school through the 10th, and ready to open on April the 13th.

4. Adjournment

With consent of all present, John Huppenthal adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

The next Regular Scheduled Governing Board meetings of Ball Charter Schools is scheduled for April 13, 6:00 p.m. at Dobson Academy.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Governing Boards

John Huppenthal, Board President

Date