

VERITAS Community School – Board Minutes

July 18, 2017

<u>In attendance:</u>	Mr. Ramesh Nayar	-	Board Chair
	Mr. Jason Cole	-	Finance Committee Chair
	Ms. Siobhan Desmond	-	Board Vice – Chair
	Ms. Vanecie Delva	-	Community Outreach – Chair
	Ms. Katy Ridnouer	-	Head of School
	Ms. M. Dawkins	-	Dean of Students (Board Advisor)
	Mr. Terrance McCaffery	-	Board Advisor

- (1). A quorum being present, Mr Nayar called the Board meeting to order at 6:32 pm EDT (seconded by Mr. Cole)
- (2). The Board Chair read a recent communication that was previously sent out to the stakeholders
- (3). The Board Chair opened the floor for comments and dialogue with the audience comprised of parents, teachers, and interested stakeholders. A variety of topics were brought up ranging from facilities, school security, request for Family and Employee Handbooks being available on line; school budget and audited financials being made available on line. Additionally, the audience was interested in parent representation on the Board along with wanting to learn about the selection process and tenure. Further, they were interested in the status of school staffing, teachers, and administration. They recommended the School conduct a quarterly survey of the parents to seek feed back
- (4). The Board minutes for June 20<sup>th</sup>, closed session meetings on June 29<sup>th</sup>. and July 11<sup>th</sup>. were presented for approval by Mr. Nayar,; seconded by Mr. Cole, and unanimously approved
- (5). Mr. Cole presented the 2017 – 2018 school year budget for the Board to review and approve; seconded by Mr. Nayar; unanimously approved by the Board
- (6). The Head of School proposed a go forward organization structure for school administration. Board discussed the features but was not brought up for approval

- (7). Middle School committee report and Board resignation discussions were deferred
- (8). Mr. Cole provided a brief update on the Team CFA status and progress including their educator event which occurred earlier in July
- (9). Ms. Ridnour, Head of School, provided updates on:
- End of school report out
  - FMLA amendment to policy – obtaining legal opinion
  - EC grant application
- (10). Closed Session: Mr. Nayar made a motion to permit the Board to continue work in a closed session; seconded by Mr. Cole, and unanimously approved at 9:15 pm
- Closed session discussions centered around teacher replacements and status, Board positions and applications & next steps; succession planning for Head of School; and review of Grievance policies
- At approximately 10:20 pm, Mr. Nayar made a motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Mr. Cole; approved unanimously
- (11). Mr. Nayar made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at approximately 10:25 pm, seconded by Mr. Cole, and unanimously approved