



**Board of Directors Meeting  
November 15, 2016**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of VERITAS Community School was held at 6:30 p.m. at VERITAS Community School, 600 Seigle Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina.

**Attendance and Quorum:**

The following directors were present at the meeting, and their attendance constitutes a quorum:

- Jason Cole [jcole@board.veritascommunityschool.org](mailto:jcole@board.veritascommunityschool.org)
- Vanecie Delva [vdelva@board.veritascommunityschool.org](mailto:vdelva@board.veritascommunityschool.org)
- Tracy Mott [tmott@board.veritascommunityschool.org](mailto:tmott@board.veritascommunityschool.org)
- Ramesh Nayar [rnayar@board.veritascommunityschool.org](mailto:rnayar@board.veritascommunityschool.org)

Ex Officio: Katy Ridnouer

Board Advisors: Terrance McCaffery

Guests: Maria Leahy and Siobhan Desmond

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairperson, Ramesh Nayar, seconded by Jason Cole, and unanimously approved by all.

**Business:**

1. Public Comments: None.

### **Minutes Approval:**

1. Upon a motion by Jason Cole, seconded by Ramesh Nayar, and unanimously approved it was:

**MOVED: To accept the minutes taken on the following dates: 10/11/2016**

### **Financial Reports:**

1. Jason Cole reported for the Finance Committee.
2. Approval of September and October budget reports: Upon a motion by Ramesh Nayar, seconded by Jason Cole, and unanimously approved.
3. Update on progress of Annual Internal Audit filing: Audit is complete and state responded with no concerns.

### **Report Outs:**

1. The Board: Ramesh Nayar reports out: Siobbhan Desmond and Maria Leahy were both interviewed by members of the Board of Directors.
2. The Board: Upon a motion by Jason Cole, seconded by Tracy Mott, and unanimously approved: Siobbhan Desmond and Maria Leahy join the VERITAS Community School Board of Directors.
3. The Board of Directors' discuss VERITAS Board strategic planning session.
4. TeamCFA Report and Update: Jason Cole reports: Lake Lure Academy is hosting a board training in the new year.
5. Monthly Head of School Report: Katy Ridnouer provided the monthly school update as follows:
  - i. Enrollment: Ms. Ridnouer reported student enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year.
  - ii. Programming: The Head of School went to a principal's meeting about building rigor and focus and whole school planning expectations. She came back and

shared with the staff and has implemented this planning process in partnership with the Literacy and Curriculum Facilitator, Mrs. Pedersen.

- iii. Since the beginning of the school year, Coach Johnson has taught a half-hour class each week that will align with the Health Standards for NC.
- iv. The Health Department and Fire Department visited to talk to the students.
- v. Character Dress Up Day was a huge success.
- vi. Monthly coffee with Katy and Parent Workshops with the Guidance Counselor continue to bridge the gap between school and home.
- vii. Testing: November 15th new students will be tested to help their teachers best need their academic needs.
- viii. Facility: The Dishwasher is being cleaned and repaired. The PTO is leading a school clean up day on November 19th.
- ix. EC Related Services: We have started the testing process for students who qualify. We have completed ELL testing and finalized and have begun implementation of LIEP plans for qualifying students.
- x. Professional Development: Each teacher has met with the Head of School and together they have created individualized professional development plans.
- xi. School Culture: Students with perfect attendance for quarter 1 were awarded certificates.
- xii. PTO: The Wind in Our Sails Fundraiser was kicked off in an effort to raise \$30,000 for the meals program. The fall book fair sold over \$3000 dollars of books.
- xiii. School calendar proposed changes: School will reach out to teachers and parents to get input.
- xiv. School uniform changes and updates: Upon a motion by Tracy Mott, seconded by Jason Cole, and unanimously approved: black pants, Nora pullover sweatshirt, and zip front sweatshirts added to existing uniform choices.

6. Policy and Procedures: review of updated policies

7. Moved to Closed Session

- i. Upon a motion by Ramesh Nayar, seconded by Jason Cole, and unanimously approved, it was:

**MOVED: To a Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss personnel and facility updates.**

8. Closed Session Ended

- i. Upon a motion by Ramesh Nayar, seconded by Jason Cole, and unanimously approved, it was:

**MOVED: To end Closed Session a 8:27 p.m.**

**Adjournment:**

- i. Upon a motion by Ramesh Nayar, seconded by Jason Cole, and unanimously approved, it was:

**Moved: To adjourn the meeting at 8:27**

**Meeting Reminders:**

The next board meeting will take place on **December 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** at VERITAS Community School, CFA.