



**Board of Directors Meeting
August 9, 2016**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of VERITAS Community School was held at 7:30 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
- Vanecie Delva vdelva@board.veritascommunityschool.org
- Tracy Mott tmott@board.veritascommunityschool.org
- Ramesh Nayar rnayar@board.veritascommunityschool.org
- Laura Thomas thomas@board.veritascommunityschool.org

Ex Officio: Katy Ridnouer

Board Advisors: Terrance McCaffery

Guests: Faye Bishop, Chris Braund, and Greg Sindors

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p. At this point in the meeting, Ram was Vice Chair. m. by Chairperson, Ramesh Nayer.

Business:

1. Public Comments: None.

Minutes Approval:

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

MOVED: To accept the minutes taken on the following dates: 2/9/16, 2/18/16, 3/8/16, 4/12/16, 5/10/16, 6/14/16. 7/12/16

Financial Reports:

1. Jason Cole reports for the Finance Committee.
2. Chris Wendt Landscaping Contract: Upon a motion by Ram Nayar, seconded by Laura Thomas, it is unanimously approved.

Report Outs:

1. The Board: The Board of Director discusses new roles for the new School year and a VERITAS Board strategic planning session. The Governance Committee will bring dates back to the board in September.
2. Resignations and Election: Upon a motion by Ram Nayar, seconded by Tracy Mott, and unanimously approved:
 - I. Lisa Mancini and Barbara Parrish resign from the Board.
 - II. Laura Thomas continues as an at large Board member.
 - III. Faye Bishop elected as a Team CFA Board representative
3. New Board Roles: Upon a motion by Jason Cole, seconded by Ram Nayar, and unanimously approved:
 - i. Ray Nayer elected Board Chair
 - ii. Laura Thomas elected Vice Board Chair
 - iii. Tracy Mott elected Secretary
4. TeamCFA Report and Update: Jason Cole reports. The Instructional trainers did their first training with VERITAS staff at Thomas Jefferson Academy. The subjects: Core Knowledge and Singapore Math.

5. Monthly Head of School Report: Katy Ridnour provided the monthly school update as follows:
 - i. Enrollment: Ms. Ridnour reported student enrollment for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.
 - ii. Programming: New student assessment has gone well. There will be another opportunity. Coach Johnson hosted a Gym Playdate for rising Kindergarten and 1st graders. Conscious Discipline will be implemented for K-2 headed by Ms. Rojas and Disarming the Playground will continue to be implemented in grades 3 and 4 and headed by Ms. Dawkins. Three sessions of afterschool clubs have been developed.
 - iii. Personnel: We are fully staffed with the exception of a Mandarin Teacher. An offer will go out next week for this position.
 - iv. Testing: The testing schedule for the year is set for the NC BOG and EOG, and Map Tests.
 - v. Facility: Teachers have been in all summer creating beautiful classrooms. We are looking into options for a dishwasher. Our lead paint and asbestos testing were completed. The area outside of A Hall has been cut and cleaned and will be used by Kindergarten and 1st grade as additional learning spaces.
 - vi. Community/Parent Involvement: There will be 4 Parent University sessions and 5 Family events this year. Every third Tuesday, our Guidance Counselor will offer parent workshops.
 - vii. Professional Development: August 4th the teachers went to Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy for day long Core Knowledge and Singapore Math training. Professional Development is planned for the two weeks before students return to school.
 - viii. School Culture: The staff has developed "Wind in our Sails" to create a school culture where each stakeholder has a role and responsibility to create an amazing environment. The VERITAS Vikings will begin the year with clear expectations of what is possible for each of them and the school.
6. Approval of 2016-2017 School Calendar : Upon a motion by Ram Nayar, seconded by Jason Cole, unanimously approved.
7. Policy and Procedures: being updated and reviewed for September meeting.

- i. Middle School Discussion: A committee was formed to look into this topic. The committee consists of: Jason Cole, Tracy Mott, Katy Ridnouer, Laura Thomas

8. Moved to Closed Session

- i. Upon a motion by Ramesh Nayer, seconded by Tracy Mott, and unanimously approved, it was:

MOVED: To a Closed Session at 8:36 p.m. to discuss personnel and facility updates.

9. Closed Session Ended

- i. Upon a motion by Ramesh Nayer, seconded by Laura Thomas, and unanimously approved, it was:

MOVED: To end Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.

Adjournment:

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

Moved: To adjourn the meeting at 9:25

Meeting Reminders:

The next board meeting will take place on **September 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.** at VERITAS Community School.