



SAN RAMON VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

San Ramon Valley Christian Academy DRAFT School Board Meeting Minutes SRVCA Library May 18, 2022

Attendance:

Present:

- Board Members: Diana Burnside, Tracey Shepherd, Jill Stephenson, Katie Allen, Matt Plitt, Stephanie Sawyer, Geoff LaTendresse
- CPC Designated Leader: Bill Haslim
- SRVCA School Administrators: Jennifer Rusinko, Amy Weber

Review of Minutes: Board minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Motions were made to approve and second the minutes. April board minutes were approved.

Playground Update: Jenn Rusinko and John Willford
Contracts & quotes for playgrounds have come in. No contract has been signed, so there is no guarantee that it will be finished by the time that school starts. John feels confident that the back could be done by the start of school, but not the front.

- Front: Shade Structure & Turf - \$268,797
- Rear Yard: Demo & Refresh: \$258,101 (+\$38K in alternatives)
- Rear Yard: Water table & pumps - \$24,452
- Rear Yard: Accessories - \$21,000
- TOTAL - \$610,350 (including the \$38K in alternatives)
- *architectural and engineering fees not included (approx \$50K)
- Kids play kickball everyday, so we need lines for that "field."
- Concern: Things that get left out of the project (& budget) just don't get done
- Suggestion: use service opportunities to provide some of the alternatives (storage shed, bike storage, etc.) rather than paying contractor
- \$8,250 has been received from the 4/26 ask letter
- How to raise additional funds - SRVCA board to send additional letter vs. PTF send letter. PTF is reaching out to various companies regarding a corporate match.
- Suggestions for how to raise more funds for the playground: more clearly communicate our plight. Costs have risen while we've raised the money. QR code at the playground. Use a one-pager. Host small events.
- \$545K in Eagles Fund. PTF guarantee a minimum of \$55K, \$21K from Jen's budget (preschool). Ask for \$100K from PTF.
- Tracey moved to approve a release of \$545 from the Eagles Fund. Bill second. All in favor.
- Amy will talk to PTF to seek approval for \$100K.
- Next fundraising ask – video from Bill. Playground update.



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Teacher Update: Lee Witbeck

- Done with athletics for the year.
- Lee is not returning next year
- Bleachers need to go – in various states of disrepair. They aren't safe
- Teachers discussing our discipline structure. Chaotic year with the students.
- Many of the students aren't motivated by the things we use to motivate them. i.e. demerits. Many kids don't care about getting one. Need support of parents at home. Lots of part-time teachers so some miss behavior issues that happen while they're gone.
- How do we serve the well-behaved kids better?

Principal's Report (get over email from Amy) – Amy Weber

1. Enrollment:
 - a. current: 399
 - b. next year: 393 enrollment. People are moving, but believe we will hit this enrollment number.

Bill made a motion to approve the PTF budget. Jill seconded. Approved the PTF 2022-2023 budget.

22/23 Teacher Salaries Update – Bill Haslim

- Need new lease for copiers, full-time custodian, permanent sub
- Teachers had expectations that we were going to give them a larger raise this year when contracts were first presented. Contracts were not well-received.
- Local school district significantly increased salaries at the start of this school year
- Do a 5% increase instead of a 3% increase.
- Teachers are asking to be made a priority in the budget in next year's planning
- Steph made motion to approve 5%. Tracey seconded. Everyone in favor.
- We will also consider additional ways we can support teachers.

Discussion of Dress Code in Board Manual: Board

- Waiting on Jamie's return to discuss this

COVID Update: Amy Weber

- Rise in COVID the last few weeks
- No longer need to do contract tracing, so more manageable for the school

Preschool Director Report: Jennifer Rusinko

- Everything from last month is the same. What does an extended program look like? Can we really offer a PM program – still assessing?

Next Meeting: Thursday August 4



5/18/22, submitted by Katie Allen