

North Valley Academy Charter School
Governing Council – Regular Meeting
February 22, 2024
4:30 pm

A. OPENING BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm by Governing Council Chair Will Duran and initiated by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting of the Governing Council was held virtually through Zoom. Members in attendance: Will Duran – Chair, Thomas Walmsley, Crystal Sanchez, Ellen Argyres and Jackie Kinnunen. Administrative staff present: Julie Geldmacher – Principal, Sarah Piña – CFO, Derek Davis – Dean of Instruction, Tammy Hernandez – Dean of Students, and Dan Hill – Legal Counsel. Duran announced that a quorum was present.

Walmsley made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Duran. Roll call vote: Duran – Aye, Walmsley – Aye, Sanchez – Aye, Kinnunen - Aye.

Walmsley made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25th regular meeting pending a correction to the date under D2. Motion was seconded by Duran. Roll call vote: Duran – Aye, Walmsley – Aye, Sanchez – Aye, Kinnunen - Aye.

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Piña presented BAR 504-000-2324-0014-I – SB-9 State Match in the amount of \$32,791; BAR 504-000-2324-0015-I – Title II in the amount of \$2,233. Duran made a motion to approve BARS as presented. Motion was seconded by Walmsley. Roll call vote: Duran – Aye, Walmsley – Aye, Sanchez – Aye, Kinnunen – Aye, Argyres – Aye.

2. Piña presented the A/P and Payroll Vouchers. Walmsley made a motion to approve the AP and Payroll vouchers for January as presented. Motion was seconded by Argyres. Roll call vote: Duran – Aye, Walmsley – Aye, Sanchez – Aye, Kinnunen – Aye, Argyres – Aye.

3. Piña requested the Activity Account Balance Assignment be delayed due to technical issues. Duran made a motion to move this action item to the March agenda. Motion was seconded by Argyres. Roll call vote: Duran – Aye, Walmsley – Aye, Sanchez – Aye, Kinnunen – Aye, Argyres – Aye.

4. Geldmacher announced that Council member Christopher Brown had not completed the Affidavit of Governing Body Member or Assurances and had not attended a Governing Council meeting since he was voted on the Council in September. Duran made a motion to vote Christopher Brown off the Council. Motion was seconded by Walmsley. Roll call vote: Duran – Aye, Walmsley – Aye, Sanchez – Aye, Kinnunen – Aye, Argyres - Aye.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Geldmacher presented the Head Administrator report. Student enrollment was 273 on the 120th day of school, including Pre-K. The lottery is open and posted on the website. Letters of Intent to Return

to NVA will be sent to families in March. Staff attended professional development on Tuesday, February 20, that included training in restorative practices and strategies and techniques for teaching English Language Learners. PED annual site visit is scheduled for May 2, 2024. Kindergarten Open House will be on February 29th. Middle School students have attended two outdoor field trips with Cottonwood Gulch. Fourth grade students are participating in weekly rehearsals with the National Dance Institute. The Kids Cook program will be expanded to include PreK and middle school students for the 2024-2025 school year. Geldmacher introduced Samantha Gonzales, Director of Compliance and Training, with DMH Law.

Davis gave an instructional update that included Istation data and the structure of the Professional Learning Committees.

2. Hernandez presented the Equity Council report. The Council is planning the funding for a presentation from a local author, a field trip to the National Hispanic Cultural Center, and art projects. The Council has one new member. Hernandez is attending Embracing Equity meetings with the PED. Hernandez reported attendance rates of 96.5% for middle school and 95.9% for elementary students.
3. Pina presented an update on facilities. The Facility Master Plan expires at the end of this school year.
4. Piña presented the financial statements and reports for the period ending January 31, 2024.
5. Reminder for all Council members to complete training hours.

D. CLOSING BUSINESS

1. Agenda items for the next meeting can be emailed to Geldmacher.
2. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2024.
3. Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.