



Governance Board Meeting MINUTES

October 4, 2023

Location: Valley New School / Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/7831034684>

Attendance

Burke Wallace, Nicole Luedtke, Tanya Rosenbaum, Jenny Tachick, Grainne Beckett, Becky Johnson, Beth Pierce, Jacqueline Needaels

Call to Order

5:10

Community Input/ Sharing

The group discussed better days/times and options to conduct future board meetings. Many members said Wednesdays would work best at 5 pm.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 5-0

Committee Reports

Finance- VNS has already started using the \$3000 AEF grant the school received at the end of the last school year to start learning how to use AI as a tool. Andy has come in several times and worked with students in large and small group settings. Jen and Tanya have been working together to make sure they utilize all the funds the school has available and to make the school's finances transparent and clear-cut.

Community Partnership- In their next meeting, they will be discussing marketing VNS to the public, so the community can get to know what we are all about. There was a discussion about the importance of bringing in alumni to discuss the real life implications of a VNS education to current students.

AISA-No AISA updates as both student representatives had sports practice.



Old Business

Building update- We are still settling into the new space and trying to make it feel like our own. We've held a room design project to allow students to get to know each other while working together to decorate the different rooms in the new space.

New Business

All School Field Trip- The all-school trip to Green Bay was a success. At every stop VNS made, the public made comments about how wonderful the students were. At the STEM center a former teacher referenced how well the VNS students worked together and at dinner the server, a para in the GB school district, said she wished her students were more like VNS students.

We have experienced some growing pains with having $\frac{1}{3}$ of our school be new students in a new space. It was a pleasant reminder from an alumni that every year has an adjustment period and it has been gratifying to have veteran students and mentors work on "old school" vs "new school" mentality.

Next meeting Wednesday November 8, 2023 @ 5pm

Adjourn

6:01