



## **Governance Board Meeting MINUTES**

**11/6/2024**

Location: Valley New School / Microsoft Teams

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### **Attendance**

Tanya Rosenbaum, Burke Wallace, Nicole Luedtke, Steve Demay, David Debbink, Becky Johnson, Jenny Tachick, Annie Quick-Laughlin, Tammy Ladwig, Shannon Rabas, Andrea Fourness

### **Call to Order**

TIME 5:05

### **Hearing of the Public**

No public at this meeting.

### **Board Input & Professional Development**

The board president went over part of the Board Self Assessment packet and scoring. The board feels it scores strong on meetings. The president feels it's an advantage to have the VNS staff on the board to collaborate on what's best for VNS as a whole. It's also an advantage to have community members on the board to allow other input and expertise. There will be a future conversation about board recruitment and creation of a consistent process for recruitment of board members.

Board members were advised to go through the board packet. The board self assessment will be continued at the next meeting.

VNS staff members were invited to attend an AI collaborative in Denver Colorado last month. It brought together schools from all over the country to discuss and use AI as a learning tool. The advisors feel it was a very successful professional development opportunity and it allowed them to connect with other schools with a progressive mindset on education.



**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

APPROVED 11 - 0

**Committee Reports**

Finance - Held their first meeting to look at the overall finances of VNS. There will be a budget snapshot with the overall budget numbers for the board to see at the next meeting. The committee discussed the big budget grabbers as rising costs for things like math subscriptions, VNS graduation and field trips. The committee has a goal of raising \$25000 for the VNS endowment over the next two years.

Community Partnership - Have not had a meeting yet. They will be compiling the results of the VNS parent survey in hopes to connect parents with committees and students who they can share their expertise with.

Curriculum - Board members Nicole Luedtke and Annie Quick-laughlin will be forming a curriculum committee and will be scheduling the first meeting soon.

AISA - VNS is still looking for an AISA student representatives to join the governance board meetings and share updates from the study body.

**Old Business**

VNS is waiting on a quote from Pfefferle about building signage.

**New Business**

Board member and VNS Advisor Dr. Burke Wallace is leaving VNS to move closer to family. Advisor Andrea Fourness will be joining the board in his absence. VNS is in need of a new venue for graduation. The board and staff will be compiling a list of possible venues to contact and gather rental information.

**Adjourn**

6:00

**Next Meeting**

December 4th, 5PM