



Governance Board Meeting MINUTES

10/1/2025

Location: Valley New School / Teams

Attendance

Nicole Luedtke, Andera Fourness, Tanya Rosenbaum, David Debbink, Steve, DeMay, Shannon Rabas, Jenny Tachick, Tammy Ladwig, Sawyer Books

Call to Order

5:08 PM

Hearing of the Public

No public asked to be heard at this meeting.

Board Input & Professional Development

The board reviewed the proposed changes to the Valley New School bylaws. During the discussion and revision, other edits/recommendations were made and the board will be voting on the changes in the November meeting.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 7 - 0

Committee Reports

Finance- Finance had a combined meeting with CPC this afternoon. The committees are combining their resources for a more lucrative kickoff to the endowment fundraising campaign. They will be updating the fundraising pledge card with examples of how students utilized the student project fund.

Community Partnership- The first fundraising event is coming up on October, 30th. The committee will be working on the details for this event and sharing them with the school. The committee is also going to work on collecting some testimonials from students and alumni on how VNS impacted their lives for the VNS website and a social media campaign.

Curriculum- The goal is for this committee to meet twice a semester. Their first meeting is on Monday.

AISA- AISA has met three times since school has started. They have worked on updating their umbrella bylaws for the leadership programs at the school. They have worked on the structure for the service fair that will be held next Friday at the school. They are brainstorming ideas for a school dance/student showcase fundraiser for the future.

Old Business

The all-school field trip was held on Friday, September 19 2025. 54 students attended with all four advisors and three parent chaperones. They spent the day in Madison. They toured the capital building then walked, shopped and ate lunch on State street. Students got to choose one of four places to visit at the UW-Madison campus. They visited the botany gardens, a dance studio to watch a dance class with a VNS alumni, the geology museum and the art museum. The school then went to the Madison zoo. Students ate a pizza dinner at a park and attended a Candlelight concert before heading back to Appleton.

New Business

The school is hosting a service fair on Friday afternoon on October 10, 2025. There will be community organizations coming to share with students the opportunities they have for students to volunteer and gain service hours. The school will host, Saving Paws, Appleton Public Library, The Building for Kids and Volunteer Fox Cities to name a few. There will also be time for veteran students to share information about the school clubs available at VNS for students to join.

Adjourn

6:02 PM

Next Meeting

November 12, 2025 at 5PM