

Veritas Board Meeting Minutes

8/15/2023

Call to order: 12:04 pm

Present: Matt Weathersby, Tierney Jackson Smith, Chrissy Geibel, Lara Butler (phone), Liz McKee (phone), Luke Franklin (phone), Wendy Lawhead (phone), Nick Getschman (ex-officio)

June 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes Approval: Chrissy made a motion to approve the minutes. Tierney seconded. All approved. One noted change is that Yolanda Draine has accepted a job out of town and will not be joining the Veritas Governing Board.

Executive Director Report:

- Enrollment: 135 scholars (44 6th graders, 48 7th graders, 43 8th graders) with several others planning to enroll which will push the total close to 150 scholars
- 2023-2024 Updates
 - Teacher In-service, July 24-August 4
 - CodeCrew, Clean Memphis, VAF Fitness, Grizz Fit, and Bridge Builders are elective/extracurricular partners
 - Athletic offerings will include wrestling, basketball, track, and possibly other sports
 - An updated school app was launched and a new teacher-family communication portal was added to enhance communication with families
 - 20-25 former VCP graduates have expressed interest in volunteering in some capacity at the school
- 2023-2024 Staff
 - Fully staffed with 19 full-time team members and one part-time team member
 - Added a Dean of Instruction and an additional Interventionist

Upcoming Dates:

- August 14 & 15= iReady Diagnostic Testing
- August 25= Family Open House
- September 4= Labor Day Holiday
- October 6= 1st 9 Weeks Ends
- October 9-13 = Fall Break

Financial Report:

- Net Worth: ~\$819k (Includes \$762k in Operating Account; \$50K Reserve Account; \$20K Student Rewards Account; \$13,281 in total debt)
- Estimated TISA payment of \$150,990 expected between August 18-21
- Utilized all but \$3,600 of ESSER 2.0 funds. The budgeted amount for ESSER 3.0 in the FY24 budget is \$834k and expires June 30, 2024. Spending priorities include staffing, IT support services, curriculum software, updated family communication via the school app, and student elective partnerships

2023-2024 Board Chair:

- Chrissy nominated Tierney Jackson Smith as Board Chair. Liz seconded the motion. All approved.

New Board Member:

- Tierney nominated Derek King to a position on the Veritas Governing Board. Lara seconded the motion. All approved.

Review of Faculty Survey:

- Tierney gave an overview of the survey results. Nick reported that many of the items were addressed in the Teacher in-service time before the school year including the addition of a substitute service to address covering for faculty who are absent and discussion regarding discipline policies

Other Business:

- Matt Weathersby has registered the board for board training via the TN Charter Center but has not yet received feedback with the course schedule and links.
- Matt Weathersby requested board members to send their preferred committee assignments for the upcoming school year. Committees are Academic Oversight, Finance, Governance-Development and Governance- Operations

Next meeting is October 17 at 12:00pm at Veritas.

Adjourned 12:54 pm