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VERITAS PREPARATORY ACADEMY**Board of Directors****Unapproved Minutes**

Date: February 8, 2018

Time: 12:15 p.m.

Location: Great Hearts Quayle Campus

A meeting of the Great Hearts Academies-Veritas Preparatory Academy Board of Directors was held at Great Hearts Quayle Campus, 3102 N. 56th Street, Suite 300, Phoenix AZ 85018, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice having been duly given.

I. Call to Order

David Denton called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. The following directors/administrators were present/absent:

Directors	Office	Present	Absent	Notes
David Denton	President	X		
Thomas Knoell	Vice President	X		
Amy Hall	Secretary	X		
Samir Sawhney	Director	X		
Shannon Clancy	Director	X		
Paul Weinhold	Director		X	
Dr. Mary Frances Jeffries	Director	X		
Curtis Fee	Director	X		
Jake Tawney	Director	X		

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Administration & Guests				
David Dean	Headmaster, Veritas Prep	X		
Ramsey Margison	Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, GH	X		
Kim Harvin	Academy Accountant, GH	X		
Sarah Marbach	Director of Academy Giving, VPA and ACV		X	
Jennifer Bradshaw	Manager, Academy Accountant, GH	X		

II. Call to the Public

<p>Mr. Denton made a call to the public at 12:38 p.m. A parent and boys & girls soccer coach, Mr. Josh Pitel, was present to discuss the field and its renovation, including sprinkler heads and the need for more water on the field. The renovation will cause a reduction in the size of the field, the loss of the track and include drainage and driveway around field. He continues to have concerns regarding the necessary amount of water and maintenance for the field.</p> <p>Mr. Dean has met with this parent and the plans to move forward with facilities. He has met with facilities personnel. He is not sure all concerns, especially with water have been met. The field is tied to expansion. There are several expansions within the network and outside companies involved. The Board discussed the need to clarify the process and structure when facilities are concerned at the academy level. There needs to be a channel in how to make improvements and how decisions are made, especially when the parents are involved in the improvements and possibly a forum for the users.</p>	
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III. Approval of Consent Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from the November 9, 2017 Meeting	Mr. Knoell made a motion that the board approves the consent agenda. Ms. Clancy seconded, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried at 12:54 p.m.
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IV. Financial Report

<p>Mr. Denton moved up this item from the agenda.</p> <p>Mr. Margison introduced Kim Harvin as the accountant that will present these reports in the future. He reviewed the Forecast and variances. The main expenses are text books, salaries and ESS. On the balance sheet the ratio is 3 to 1 covering liabilities. Mr. Dean thought the text books were ordered last year, but actually put on this year's budget. The academy is still in need of Biology text books. He has been very careful with expenses and supplies. The board suggested parents help by putting books on a wish list and donating extra supplies.</p>	
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V. Headmaster's Report

<p>Mr. Dean presented the headmaster report. The test scores are down due to taking the on line version for the first time and technology issues. The academy is implementing strategies to improve AZ merit scores implementing concepts in curriculum, practice tests and improved technology. The teachers took a sample test this week. Performance on this test does impact financials and funding. Faculty survey results are down due to increased responsibility in planning and reporting in certain areas. Mr. Dean is working to provide assistance for the extra reporting. Also in this veteran facility changes cause anxiety, he engages in continuing conversations with teachers about changes and support.</p> <p>The parent score is yellow due to a predominate feeling</p>	
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among middle school parents that the class section school be “dynamic” not “static.” The teachers believe static is better for the students. He continues to have meetings with the parents and they seem happy and the fundraising money is up;		
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VI. Approval of the 2018-19 School Year Calendar with corrections

The fall break is a week earlier. The daily start time is later.		Dr. Jefferies made the motion that the Board approve the 2018-19 School year calendar, Ms. Clancy seconded, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried at 1:32 p.m.
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VII. Approval to Change the Mission Statement of the Academy

“The mission of Veritas Preparatory Academy is to cultivate the minds and hearts of students through the pursuit of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.”		Mr. Fee made a motion that the Board approves to change Veritas Preparatory Academy mission statement to “The mission of Veritas Preparatory Academy is to cultivate the minds and hearts of students through the pursuit of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.” Ms. Hall seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried at 1:34 p.m.
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VIII. Development Report

Mr. Dean presented the development report for Ms. Marbach. 56% of the families are participating, non-donors will be contacted. They are at 105% of the goal pledged. Tax Credit at 87% of the goal, due to the fact the families have until April 15 th to make their tax credit.		
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IX. Possible Executive Session

	Ms. Clancy moved that the board enter Executive Session, and invited Headmaster Dean, seconded by Ms. Hall, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried at 1:39 p.m.
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X. Leave Executive Session

	Ms. Clancy moved that the board leave Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Hall, motion carried at 1:49 p.m.
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XI. Possible Motions from Executive Session

None	
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XII. Announcements/Adjournment

<p>The Board would like clarity about who to contact and a place to go at Great Hearts as issues arise as parents and Board members, especially regarding facilities. And the process to put items on the board agenda and make parents views known.</p> <p>Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 4:45 p.m. at the Veritas Campus. Subject to change.</p>	Mr. Denton adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.
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 Submitted by Board Secretary, Amy Hall

-Gena McFarland Scribe-