



July 22, 2020

Meeting Minutes

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Physical Location: Phone only due to Coronavirus

Virtual Meeting:

Conference line 712-770-5505, access code 462-901

Mission Statement:

VERITAS Community School empowers the scholar and athlete in every child to excel academically through health and wellness practices within a peaceful environment.

Conflict of Interest Statement:

Each member of the VERITAS Board of Directors has a fiduciary duty to conduct him or herself without conflict of the interests of VERITAS Community School. Each member has agreed in writing to comply fully with VERITAS' Conflict of Interest and Nepotism Policy.

Board Roster and Attendance

- **Board Members:**
 - i. Erika Bowen, Chair ebowen@board.veritascommunityschool.org
 - ii. Ed Ritter, Vice Chair (absent) eritter@board.veritascommunityschool.org
 - iii. Gretchen Bottrill, Treasurer gbottrill@board.veritascommunityschool.org
 - iv. Lindsay Betzel, Secretary lbetzel@board.veritascommunityschool.org
 - v. Dottie Bryan, Challenge Fdn dbryan@board.veritascommunityschool.org
 - vi. Jaime Daniell jdaniell@board.veritascommunityschool.org
 - vii. Cat Choudary cchoudary@board.veritascommunityschool.org
 - viii. Mimi Siadek msiadek@board.veritascommunityschool.org

- **Ex-Officio Members:**
 - i. Michael Silver msilver@veritascommunityschool.org

- **Board Advisors and Invited Guests:**
 - i. Mark Chudzicki mchudzicki@veritascommunityschool.org

- **Call to Order—Reading of the VERITAS Mission**

Erika Bowen

- Public Comments

- None

- Financial Updates

Gretchen/ Mark/ Michael

- Challenge Fund Loan Status

Michael:

- Projected enrollment of 153 as of leaving school today. Offered position to new teacher today.
- Almost 50% parents have chosen virtual option to begin or for full year.

Sharp TV

- Possibility to lease some Smart TVs for classrooms- Mark in contact today.

Mark:

- \$125,000 current cash balance. End of year \$101,553
- Acadia showed a loss but several things came in late (like \$34,000 CMS payment)
- Bottom line- Close to \$30,000 loss from Feb forecast. Includes \$50,000 from loan from Challenge Fund.
- Gretchen contacted Challenge Fund RE interest only loan payment to principal + interest.

Gretchen

- Michael will be presenting to Regions. Hoping to have more definition/ commitment from Regions for fundraising.

- Head of School Report

Michael Silver

- Nurse: contacting with her to figure out what we need to do to make property/ building safe when students are back on campus.
- Review Family & Staff Handbook- sent these out earlier this month. Will work on revisions and make sure they are up and ready to go before orientation.
- Review Observation Document
- Reopening: Working on these plans now, A/B groups; in person or participating virtually.
 - i. Rationale- 4 days a week on then 10 days off, self quarantine cycle
 - ii. Adjusted start/ end times to reduce exposure times. Removing art as standalone class, modifying PE, taking advantage of low numbers on campus to make drastic moves with student gains and growth.
 - iii. Food- Will still provide breakfast but will split between gym and cafeteria; lunch in classrooms, snacks from home.
- Mailers went out- got one student from those mailers
- Have a few candidates w/ job opening.
- Community Partnerships: Looking for local businesses, partnerships w/ a few in Camp North End.

- Board of Directors:

- Lease/ CMS negotiations. Need to have a board member take the lead. High priority
 - i. Dottie- Has connection at CMS that she'd like to pursue. Would like to set up meeting with CMS.
- Board member recruitment: Real Estate and/or Law experience, university partnership

Closed session:

- Approve contract for Charlotte Cramer.

Future Meetings:

- August 19, 2020
- September 16, 2020
- October 14, 2020
- November 18, 2020
- December 16, 2020
- January 20, 2021
- February 17, 2021
- March 17, 2021
- April 21, 2021
- May 19, 2021