



August 19, 2020

Meeting Minutes

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Physical Location: Hybrid Zoom and in Person at Veritas

Virtual Meeting: [Join Zoom Meeting](#) ID: 2065062648 Password: 202021

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 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- ab msiadek@board.veritascommunityschool.org

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

- Board Advisors and Invited Guests:
 - i. Mark Chudzicki mchudzicki@veritascommunityschool.org
 - ii. Laurin Ariail - prospective board member

- Call to Order—Reading of the VERITAS Mission

Erika Bowen

- Public Comments
 - None

- Head of School Report Michael Silver
 - Parent university Monday night- under COVID precautions (gym and cafeteria) to lead through platforms for virtual learning
 - Virtual open house tomorrow 4:30-5:30 + Title 1 presentation
 - Policies: Board will review updated Parent/ Student Handbook + Student Code of Conduct + Cell Phone Policy
 - Enrollment: 139 students anticipated. Funding is still dependent on first 20 days ADM.
 - Community partnerships - teacher scavenger hunt in NoDa with small businesses.
 - Staff development - partnered with UNCC for session on supporting students in a hybrid virtual/in person year.
 - Teacher feedback to training and preparation for the year very positive so far.

General Goals:

Teacher & Parent reps for board meetings, PTA

- Finances Mark C & Gretchen
 - \$9000 principal and interest on Loan to Challenge Fund, Paid in July & August
 - Revisit principal payments as committee after clear idea of enrollment
 - Budget based on 124 ADM
 - \$75,000 fundraising
 - The board would like to formally thank Regions Bank for their generous \$15,000 donation.
 - Search in progress for a part time bookkeeper

- Board of Directors:
 - Development:
 - i. Refresh & Revisit 5-year plan (Ed will take the lead)
 - ii. Lease/ CMS conversation- Dottie taking the lead, will contact Charlie Jeeter at CMS
 - Finance:
 - i. Challenge Fund updates
 - ii. Fundraising
 - Academics: 7th grade curriculum purchased, teaching groups formed for related grade levels to support curriculum
 - Board member recruitment: Real Estate and/or Law experience, university partnership
 - i. Laurin Ariail introduction
 - New website is live

Closed session:

- Ed motions to enter closed session to discuss contract approvals for 20-21 Staffing. Gretchen seconds.
- Contract for childcare counselor approved in closed session.

Future Meetings:

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