



MINUTES
VSWEA Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 17, 2024
VIA [Zoom](#)

Members Present:

Dan Franks (DF)— President
April Sauer (AS)— Vice President
Ashley Parks (AP)—Secretary

Nellie Grossenbacher (NG)
John Tanner (JT)
Danielle Martinez (DM)
Paula Cummings (PC)

Members Absent: Myriah Mhoon

The President, Vice President, and Secretary were present, and a quorum was reached.

Guests

Invitees of the Board:
Frank Mirizio (FM)
Michelle Kratzer (MK)

Members of the public present via Zoom/Registration through Google Forms:

Deborah
Peej's iPhone
Kristen's iPhone
Tammy/tom

Opening Verse/Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 6:34pm. DF read the opening verse and welcomed the attendees.

The Board members introduced themselves as well as MK.

DMS Mission Statement/Waldorf Core Principle

AS FM was at the ACWE meeting and a suggestion from other schools was to include the addition of these two statements within the board meeting. We are happy to do that going forward.

Mission Statement and Waldorf Core Principle (Image of the Being) read by DF. Image of the Being was discussed by AS, PC, DM.

Executive Director Updates

DF FM is feeling sick tonight, so he will not be doing a director update. We all received his written update.

Proposed Motion

DF moved to approve the 03/20/24 regular meeting minutes. AS second. No further discussion. Unanimous vote in favor: DF, AS, AP, NG, JT, DM, PC. **Motion passes.**

Continuing Business/Open Issues

Parent Council & Animal Care Updates

MK We are in the midst of planning teacher appreciation. The first full week of May this will take place. Emails will be sent out next week to give more information for this event. April 23rd we will be voting on the funding requests from the community. May 7th will be our last meeting of the year. We look forward to the next year. DM Will we be having a book club next year? MK We discussed our calendars with Frank. We did not yet put that on the calendar, but we are going to see what times work best for the community.

DF The rummage sale was fun. MK We made around 700-800 dollars, it doesn't feel like a lot, but it did bring people from the neighborhood. DF It does promote the idea that we shouldn't throw things out. MK A big thank you for all those that helped!

Board Application Update and Voting Discussion

AP We had two applicants, however one did not fulfill all the requirements, so we will just have one interviewing. The interview is April 24, 6:30pm. We did receive an email from this applicant about the voting day and a conflict in the schedule. How do we feel about changing the vote day to after the interview? DF If anyone has any issues with this, please email me. AS Moving forward this will be our plan, to vote after the interview.

Board Meeting Schedule Approval

AS AP did you have time to do this? AP No. AS Can you get this completed by next month? AP Yep, I can do that.

Beyond Strategy Consulting

DF This is for our off-site strategy meeting, and you should have all received an email with the dates for the meetings, in-person and online. PC If we didn't get this what would you like for us to do? DF Let us know if you did not receive the email. AS Everyone should have received the invitations. DF Look at them and make sure that these dates all work for you. DF I am going to give everyone five minutes to put the dates in your calendar. DF Ok, ready to move on? Any questions? AS If there are any dietary restrictions please email me. They will be providing us lunch.

New Business

Erate Discussion

DF I will have a more complete understanding of this by next week.

Child Find Approval

DF Has everyone had a chance to review this document? AS The document in the file speaks to the SPED screening requirements. DM are we voting on one or two of these? FM You have to adopt both. DF Do you mind if I look over this really quick. DM Who has access to these documents? FM The Director, SPED director and those who write IEPs. DM How is it measured that we are abiding by these? FM the SPED director and me. DM Does the state do check-ins? DF Yes, to myself and the SPED director and to Monique in accounting. AS I suggest a free program called "Raising Special Kids" for everyone to check out. It speaks to 504's and IEP's and how to advocate for your child and students.

DM moved to approve the Child Find process changes. AS second. No further discussion. Unanimous vote in favor: DF, AS, AP, NG, JT, DM, PC. **Motion passes.**

FY24 Revised Budget Approval

DF Any questions on the revised budget? DM I am happy to approve as is, but I do have some clarification on a few things. DF anyone else have any questions? PC I am kind of with DM a bit more of a synopsis of expenses would have been nice. FM this is revising the budget you passed, Monique moved things around to make it look better. AS this is not anything new it happens all the time. PC Do we have any idea what was moved around? FM I can get those numbers for you tomorrow. NG Why is our copier lease so high? FM All of those things keep going up, maybe buying would be cheaper. NG That just seems like a lot. FM You are not wrong, but it is needed.

AS moved to approve the FY2024 revised budget. DF second. No further discussion. Vote in favor: DF, AS, AP, NG, DM. Abstain: JT and PC. **Motion passes.**

Announcements

DF Our special board interview meeting is April 24, 2024 at 6:30pm and our regular board meeting is May 15, 2024 at 6:30. DF spoke about all the upcoming events happening within the school.

DM moved to adjourn the 04/17/24 VSWEA board meeting. NG second. No further discussion. Unanimous vote in favor: DF, AS, AP, NG, JT, DM, PC. **Motion passes.**

Closing Verse

PC read the closing verse.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Prepared by AP on 4.17.2024.