

## VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes 1/25/21

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:12 pm. The meeting took place via Zoom platform: <https://zoom.us/j/416203345> or telephone: +1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID 416203345

**Roll Call:** Members present through Zoom—Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman and Shona Mares Bond. Sonya Silva Baca joined at 6:28pm. Absent: none

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Mares Bond. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman and Shona Mares Bond. Against: none. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes from 12/7/20:** Motion to approve minutes by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Mares Bond. Vote to approve Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman and Shona Mares Bond. Against: none. Motion approved.

**Public Comment:** No Public Comment.

**Teacher Report** – Amanda Flores present the happening within VGHS' Community Schools efforts. Amanda expresses the challenges that COVID has created in regards to starting our Community School programs. She reassures the GB members of the continued planning and meeting that are taking place in order for programs once restrictions are relaxed or lifted. There is a virtual Music class being offered to VGHS students with Miles Bonny. This class takes place 2 times per week and has about 3 – 5 students in attendance. In February, VGHS will be offering a Woodworking/ Metal shop class along with an Arts program that is partnered with the TCA. The TCA program has approximately 5 students they can work with in regards to different areas regarding the arts such as Radio, Theater and Visual Arts. The artists who have joined on to Mentor our students are Pete Monroe, Catherine Hunt, Jack Larone, Chelsey Reedy, along with our own VGHS Teachers Dawning Pollen Shorty and Kyle Anderson for extended learning programs. VGHS now has a social worker in which starting meeting with students at the beginning of this semester. There were 5 students in attendance. VGHS has a Student success coordinator, Adam Gutierrez, who supports student with attendance issues and any academic needs. There will now be a Parent Navigator on board to assist with survey and parent outreach which should help us grasp the families' hopes and needs for the remainder and future school year. The IEI council is meeting on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Harold Lefthand and Marie Martinez are working hard to prepare for the meeting. Isabelle and Amanda are preparing research and data in order to apply for the new Community Schools Grant which will open in April. There are no staff needs at this time.

**Kelly Callahan – GB training opportunities** – Kelly Callahan introduces herself as the Lead Trainer and gives a brief background of her past work history. She explains how COVID has now changed all Board member trainings from in-person to online only trainings. Kelly goes on to discuss how her team provides a year long, full package, coaching service. This would provide GB members the ability to receive all required GB trainings within the Monthly Governing Board meetings. This would provide credit for the work the GB members are already doing through the GB meetings and would simply be added to each agenda as Board Development. Many schools prefer this program as it saves time and no longer requires Board members to receive additional trainings but instead will provide credit through the open credits act. The training hours provided during GB meetings allows for a strong and efficient evaluation process and can benefit the school in developing policies and updates. The cost of this program is about \$4,600 vs the \$4,800 a year for separate trainings. The program then provides a 360 report, after every meeting, outlining what was discussed and what content was given credit along with why credit was given. All training provided will be relevant to PEC and District school requirements. All GB members interested are to contact Isabelle. GB members will discuss the program further to reach a decision.

**Nomination and election of Vice President (Action)** – The GB members nominate E. Romero for VP. Motion to approve nomination by E. Roth. 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Cordova. Vote to approve Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman and Shona Mares Bond. Against: none. Motion approved. Nomination for Secretary to added to the February Agenda.

**Graduation Requirement (Action)** – Director asks the GB Members to pass a motion to only require 24 credits instead of the 26 for graduation. This is due to COVID and the new PED rules. THS is also changing their policy to 24 credits because of the new circumstances the pandemic has created. The GB members discuss changing this policy for graduates of 2021 and 2022 only. This will be discussed later for all classes, if need be, at a later time. Motion to approve classes of 2021 and 2022 credit requirements decrease to 24 from 26 by E. Roth. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Romero. Vote to approve Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Shona Mares Bond and Sonya Silva Baca. Against: none. Motion approved.

**Directors Report:** The Director informs the board there are currently 72 students enrolled which is still low. The school schedule has been adjusted and teachers are reporting better engagement and attendance. The Director discusses the challenges involved with students returning to school and explains how VGHS is working through the issues as quickly as possible. VGHS will have the Fire Marshall inspect the building along with our Insurance carrier. The school board came back with an attorney for the lease renewal to be a one five year renewal which would allow us to lease until 2032. All Seniors are still required to present their Passages again this year and are currently working with Jenny Lewis to complete them. The 10<sup>th</sup> graders will present as well but with a shorter version. The Legislative session has nothing geared towards charter schools but Dr. Lillian Torres is working with Bobby to get back the Small School Size funding for the Taos and Silver City Districts. This will only be possible if the bill is passed.

**Financial Report:** Finance/Audit Committee did not meet today. The finance report and bank statement will be reviewed at the next GB meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

- a. **Finance/Audit Committee Meeting:** The Governing Board needs to approve an increase in the Bar. Motion to approve increase by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Goldman. Vote to approve Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Shona Mares Bond and Sonya Silva Baca. Against: none. Motion approved.
- b. Finance reports are similar to previous months an VGHS has finally received the reimbursement for Lease Assistance.

**BAR Approval-** *BAR 076-012--2021-0010-I is an increase BAR to Fund 24106 IDEA B in the amount of \$8,079.00. This is prior year carryover money that will be used to purchase some additional technology resources.*

Motion to approve BAR was made by E. Roth. 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by E. Romero. Vote to approve Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Shona Mares Bond and Sonya Silva Baca. Against: none. Motion approved.

**Next Regular Meeting:** February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by E. Roth. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E Romero. Vote to approve Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Shona Mares Bond and Sonya Silva Baca. Against: none. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_