



**POR VIDA ACADEMY**  
CHARTER DISTRICT  
FOR LIFE

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Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 10:00 am.

1135 Mission Road, SA TX 78210

## **Agenda of Regular Called Board Meeting**

**I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum**

- a. Roll Call & Recording of Board Members Present - Declaration of Quorum Present  
Steve Langseth, Melli Melgoza
- b. Recording of the Executive Director/Superintendent and Staff Members Present.  
Joseph G. Rendon, Loren Franckowiak, Sandra Valencia, Mariza Loreda, Tessa Garza,  
Marilyn Dovalina, Danette Salazar, Angela Cruz-Garcia

**II. Closed Session:** None

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Salute to the Texas Flag-** "Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

**V. Public Comment:** None

**VI. Approval of Minutes:** November 29 & January 10 Mr. Melgoza moved to approve the November 29 and January 10 minutes as presented. Mr. Langseth seconded the motion. The November 29 and January 10 minutes were approved as presented.

**VII. Superintendent Items:**

- a. Campus Reports – Student Progress & Teacher Expectations
  - i. Ms. Loreda noted that ADA has increased, and that enrollment is up to 130 and hope to have 135 by the end of the week. We have increased enrollment by word of mouth and social media. A lot of kids are telling their friends that we are a four-hour day. We also had a sign made that we are going to put out once the rain calms down. We are in the middle of STAAR pullout sessions and tutoring. English has quite a few testers and re-testers. We had our Region 20 ESF (Essential School Framework) walk through. We did well in that and they're very happy with everything that we're doing. We just got off the spring break and yesterday's attendance was not the best, but SAISD was off yesterday. Today's attendance is much better. STARR testing is a little different this year, so the first STARR test isn't it's April 18th and that's English I & II. English I & II are that first week and then the window closes and then after that it is U.S. history and Biology and then Math the last week. We are online now so we have a lot of flexibility.

- ii. Mrs. Valencia stated that we currently have 54 students enrolled which is just slightly above where we were at the last board meeting and are interviewing two more students this week and anticipate our enrollment going up. Our average ADA is around 83% to 85%. We reduced staff by two members. We have also restructured our master schedule to accommodate for those classes that we either removed or absorbed in some other way. The Data that we are observing shows that the two subject areas of English II and U.S. History are a little bit behind where we would have anticipated however all other subjects remain consistent and so we anticipate that we will have some good STAAR results. Ms. Garza noted that we are doing boot camps with both of those classes to get them better prepared for STAAR. Mrs. Valencia stated that a new commercial coming out soon. We have been continuing with our regular campus initiatives and TSI testing. Our freshman group tested most recently, and two have passed. We have had a total of six students pass the TSI completely this year.
- b. Locked/Unlocked doors for PVA District

Mrs. Valencia noted that most big schools have a requirement that classroom doors must stay locked but at the Corpus Campus we did not feel as if that was the best decision for us and that it is not a requirement for our classroom doors to be closed and locked. There is only one entry point, though there are many exits. Most of the classrooms are on the second floor while most of the admin staff is on the first floor. We felt that we needed to keep the classroom doors open and not closed and not locked. However, if they needed to be closed and locked, we needed to get the locks changed because the building was old and some of the door frames weren't working properly. When we had our Safety Audit, there was a question if this decision was in our EOC policy, but the auditor was under the assumption that the classroom doors were to be closed and lock and that to have them open and unlocked we needed the approval of the board. This is stated in both the campus and district EOC. We are requesting that the board vote that our classroom doors may be open and unlocked. Mrs. Franckowiak noted that both campuses have taken all the mandatory and many recommended safety precautions like installing force resistant film on the front doors and large glass windows as well as active shooter trainings and drills. Mr. Langseth moved to allow classroom doors to be open and unlocked. Mr. Melgoza seconded the motion. The board approved to allow classroom doors to be open and unlocked.
- c. District Financial State

Mrs. Franckowiak noted that or COVID relief funds is ending in May 2024 while the ESSER funds are ending this year. We have been trying to rebuild enrollment since COVID. Each summer we review our program to see if we are going to run a college prep only program, meaning we do not accept any students with documented behavior issues. After the closure of the Cesar Chaves campus, we determined that there was a greater need for a true college prep type program. After this year and the return to pre-COVID attendance we determined that the enrollment numbers did not get to the needed 75 students in Corpus. We made the decision to allow all students to attend. Within a week of making this decision, we had an increase in enrollment of 5 students. Because of the financial state that we are in, we had to make drastic changes resulting in the loss of two staff members. In order to keep the succession plan going to allowing enough time for training

and support, Mrs. Yarbrough has agreed to take on Mr. Rendon and Mrs. Dovalina as part time here and the rest of their time to be working on her new contract with United Healthcare. Our main goal is to keep Corpus since we believe there is a need in the city for what we can offer. Our goal is to start next year with a minimum of the current number with hopefully an increase of 10 students and finish the year with at least 70-75 students. We have to reach the 70 – 75 student enrollment by the end of next year in order for us to financial be able to keep the Corpus campus.


- VIII. **Financials:** February Financials, Budget Amendment  
Mrs. Dovalina presented the budget amendment. The differences were explained to the board. Mr. Langseth moved to approve the budget amendment. Mr. Melgoza seconded the motion. The budget amendment was approved as presented. Mrs. Dovalina presented the February financials. Mr. Langseth moved to approve the February financials. Mr. Melgoza seconded the motion. The February financials were approved as presented.
- IX. **Board Items:** Schedule Next Board Meeting  
Next board meeting has been set for April 25, 2023, at 10:00 am
- X. **Adjournment** Steve Langseth adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

*Odilia Korenek*

May 12, 2023

Sr. Odilia Korenek  
President

Date

 May 18, 2023

Steven Langseth (May 18, 2023 11:08 CDT)

Steve Langseth  
Vice-President

Date











# March 21 Minutes

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