

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

SVN Charter School
October 16, 2023

Edgar Palacios, Board President
Scott Heffner, President Elect
Kanyetta Wansley, Board Secretary
Ann Klockau, Board Treasurer
Calvin Ricks
Selena Smith

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Present – In person	Present - Virtually	Absent	Administration Present
Ann Klockau Edgar Palacios Calvin Ricks Selena Smith	Scott Heffner-left at 6:15 PM	Kanyetta Wansley Dana Tippin- Cutler, Legal Representative	Nicole Goodman, Superintendent Mary Pittala, Director of Finance and Operations Jene Counts, Admin Assistant Dr. Tamara Burns, K-8 Principal Kristin Beach, Guest Jennifer Calvo, Guest

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors at Scuola Vita Nuova convened for the regular board meeting on October 16, 2023 at 5:34 P.M. via Zoom. Edgar Palacios, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called. The response was by voice:

Scott Heffner – Present
Ann Klockau – Present
Edgar Palacios – Present
Calvin Ricks – Present
Selena Smith – Present
Kanyetta Wansley – Absent

QUORUM PRESENT

Edgar Palacios, President, determined a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The next order of business was the public comment session as provided by Board Policy 0412.

No one was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- September 2023 Minutes
- September 2023 Financials

c. September 2023 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$288,774.31

d. Hoot Reading Program Agreement Approval

Ann Klockau moved to adopt the consent agenda. Selena Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

➤ Committee Reports

○ Finance

▪ Treasurer's Report

- Ann Klockau shared the Treasurer's Report. The reserves are at \$5.8 million. The YTD income is 1.9 million, and the YTD expenses are at \$3 million. The check register was reviewed and approved; the credit card statement was also reviewed. The actual enrollment is 393 versus the budgeted 400 which is unfavorable. The ADA is 93.6% versus the budgeted 90%. A lower ADA number will be resubmitted to DESE; SVN is getting paid based on an ADA of 366. The WADA is at 543. The balance and expenses for the SSA building were paid in August. SVN will have access to the SSA building on November 1st. There was discussion about the amount of unused space after moving the SSA building, and about not adding more teachers/classrooms. Edgar Palacios suggested an enrollment task force.

○ Strategic Planning

- Edgar Palacios shared that the Strategic Planning Committee is on target for December.

SCHOOL REPORT

Presented by Nicole Goodman, Dr. Tamara Burns, Kristin Beach, and Jennifer Calvo

ESL Program & Reading Success Plan Presentation

- Kristin Beach and Jennifer Calvo share who is ESL certified at SVN; there are 5 teachers. Beach and Calvo share background on what is an ELL/ESL student, and they shared the EL assessment screening. The home languages of the students include Spanish, Somali, Vietnamese, Swahili, Burmese, and Arabic. Instructional models include content based ESL, co-teaching, and small group instruction. Essential practices ELs include small group instruction and teaching academic vocabulary. Assessment and compliance come from WIDA assessment and Ellevation Monitoring. WIDA assessment are 35% reading, 35% writing, 15% listening, and 15% speaking. There was discussion about different test and testing methods for ESL students. Jennifer Calvo shared that students have ILP for the first year, and more content is added in the second year. The testing is decided by the state. There was more discussion regarding protocols for letting parents of ESL students know if they are on track or underperforming. Dr. Tamara Burns share that protocols for younger students are different from that of older students. The Board discussed ways to level the testing playing field for ESL students.
- Kristin Beach and Jennifer Calvo shared a brief overview of Senate Bills 681 & 662. Schools must develop a Reading Success Plan or RSP; schools must screen and assess student's kindergarten through 5th grade, determine the student's need, set

goals, and monitor the student's progress. The RSP should use evidence-based intervention reading instruction. Star Reading is used to assess students. Other interventions are Hoot Reading and Pathways to reading. Progress is monitored every quarter, and students are re-screened who didn't qualify. Beach and Calvo shared the RSP case load by grade. There was discussion about the reading fluency of some of the parents.

Academics

- Dr. Tamara Burns share the Star Reading and Math data. Many students are below basic. It is easier for students to move from below basic to basic than to basic to proficient. A lot of points come from moving from below basic to basic. Dr. burns share the proficiency chart. Administration will look at factors such as attendance and sick day. There was discussion about classroom goals and speaking to teachers about their progress. Dr. Burns shared that when a teacher is not on target the leading indicator is observations. The next step is meeting with that teach. There was discussion about the impact of attendance and professional development for teachers as well as discipline in the classroom.

School Improvement Plan

- Nicole Goodman and Mary Pittala shared information regarding the CSIP Plan. They shared what SVN turned in to the state. SVN is not required to participate in the CSIP. There was discussion on student success and what that looks like for students. The school-wide plan is in Dropbox.
- Nicole Goodman shared the Strategic Plan draft with the Board, and it has similar language from Kent. Edgar would like more specific goals with yearly benchmarks. Board members can look at the Strategic Plan draft and email thought/ideas to Nicole Goodman.
- There was discussion about adding more cameras; it is a necessary tool for staff and student protection.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ADJOURNMENT

Ann Klockau moved to adjourn the meeting. Calvin Ricks seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Board Meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M. on November 20, 2023, at Scuola Vita Nuova Charter School 535 Garfield Ave, Kansas City, Missouri or virtually, it will be provided in the Board's Meeting Notice.

Minutes prepared by Jene Counts, Administrative Assistant.

Minutes approved by the SVN Board of Directors on November 20, 2023.

Kanyetta Wansley, Board Secretary