

VCSBA Executive Board Meeting
December 6, 2022, 5:15 p.m.
Ventura County Office of Education
5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo, CA 93012, Simi Room

Minutes

Present:

Veronica Robles-Solis, President
Sofya Bagdasaryan, VP, Programs
Lauren Gill, VP, Legislation
Shelly Griffen, Treasurer
Gabriela Ornelas, Secretary
Darlene Bruno, Delegate
Daniel Sandoval, Delegate
Dr. Cesar Morales, Deputy Superintendent
Cathy Samuel, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Sabrena Rodriguez, Region 11 Director
Rachel Ulrich, Delegate

Opening

Veronica Robles-Solis opened the meeting at 5:18 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee for the 2023-2024 school year.

Darlene Bruno and Sabrena Rodriguez are the Nomination Committee for 2023-2024. Veronica asked if any of the Executive Board members are interested in being on the Nominating Committee to let her know.

Meritorious Service Award Recipients

Discussion ensued and it was determined the Board members who did not run in the November 8, 2022, election or did not win their election that would have received a Meritorious Service Award in 2022 will be invited to the January 30, 2023, dinner meeting. Their school district will not be charged for them to attend.

January 30, 2023, Topic “School Safety”

Presenters:

Joint Power Authorities (JPA) – Elizabeth Atilano & Dr. Consuelo Hernandez Williams

Law Enforcement – Chief Jason Benitez, Oxnard Police Department

School District – Dr. Victor Hayek, Deputy Superintendent, Chief Business Officer, Conejo Valley Unified SD

Newsletter Articles for January 30th Dinner Meeting

Potential Newsletter Articles:

Veronica – Presidents Corner – Dinner Meeting Topic.

Lauren – Legislative – New laws that will impact School Districts on January 1, 2023.

Dr. Morales – Budget items on the horizon for the second half of the year.

Cathy – Meritorious Service Awards.

Articles due: *December 28, 2022*

Newsletter emailed out: *Friday, December 30, 2022*

Email Articles to: csamuel@vcoe.org

April 27, 2023 – Dinner Meeting Topic “Learning Gaps”

Darlene suggested to have the speakers present on practices that are working within Ventura County. Schools can highlight what is working for them in math, reading and writing. Dr. Morales suggested to focus on status and change. What have people done in relation to growth? Some of the response efforts at school districts can be highlighted. Dr. Morales will talk with Lisa Brown, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, Ventura County Office of Education and contact three school districts.

April 27, 2023, VCSBA Dinner in-person or Virtual?

Discussion ensued on whether to hold the third dinner meeting in-person or virtual. Cathy will send out a Google form surveying Board members on their preference.

Additional Informal Meeting to Network with New Board Members

A suggestion was made to have a table talk with new and veteran board members to discuss several topics. Dr. Morales said if this something the VCSBA would like to host he could facilitate the room. Darlene suggested to have some form of structure for these meetings.

Veronica suggested to put this on the agenda at the February 28 VCSBA Planning meeting. Dr. Morales suggested Mary Linn Daehlin, Public Affairs and Community Engagement Representative, CSBA may want to facilitate an informal and social network with New Board Members.

Catering Options 2022-23 – DJ’s, Ric’s & Pacifica High School Culinary Arts Students

The Executive Board chose Ric’s Restaurant to cater the January 30, 2023, dinner meeting. Daniel suggested to increase the cost to \$25 to attend the VCSBA dinner meetings. Darlene made a motion to increase the VCSBA dinner prices to \$25. The motion was seconded by Sofya. It was unanimous (7:0).

Review School Board Candidate Academy Evaluations

Response from evaluations were incredibly good. A comment was made that attendees would like more networking time.

Future Topics

Training on Board rounds.

How to be a proactive trustee.

How other districts are managing the community uproar that some of the Board members are facing.

How to get money from the state if the budget falls below the 55% threshold.

Next VCSBA Executive Board Planning Meeting

February 28, 2023, virtual at 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:08 p.m.