



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

**Mission Statement:** The mission of Vision Academy Charter School is to prepare students in kindergarten through eighth grade to become responsible and articulate students and citizens by using a comprehensive curriculum designed to foster academic success and current technology to build self-reliance.

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Topic: VACS Board Meeting

Time: Oct 14, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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<b>Meeting Type</b>	X	Regular	Special
<b>Minutes Type</b>		Proposed	Approved

### OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT

This meeting has been publicized in accordance with the requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and notification given to all appropriate parties. The notice of this meeting was posted in *the Delaware County Daily Times* and on *the school website*.

#### I. Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Vision Academy Charter *School* is called to order at **7:04PM** by **Mr. Adam**. The Board reserves the right to act on any and all agenda items.

#### II. Roll Call:

	<i>Name and Position</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
1	Adam Oksuz, President	x
2	Gokhan Seker, Secretary	x
3	Arinola O. Adams, Treasurer	x
4	Kakageldi Hommadov, Member	x
5	Erion Peshkepia, Member	x

### III. Approval of Agenda

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Motion: Mrs. Adams

Second: Mr. Seker

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that the agenda for the meeting is **APPROVED**.

### IV. Board Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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Minutes for the meeting on September 9, 2020 (*Exhibit I*)

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Erion

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that the minutes for September 9, 2020 as in *Exhibit I* is **APPROVED**.

### V. Call to The Public / Open Comment:

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*This is the time for the public to comment. Board President or designee opens the public comment session on agenda items only. Each person is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes and will be asked to give their full name, spell their last name and provide their address. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Board President or designee closes the public comment session on agenda items only.*

The board heard comments from **Mrs. Chennault** related to **the new building**.

### VI. School Leader's Report

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- Attendance for students as of Oct 14th is **98.7% of students are present** (according to PA's standards,)
- TWO students have missed 10 days (or more) of school
- Mrs. M is our truancy officer
- Mrs. TG is the Title IX coordinator
- We are monitoring COVID statistics through our pandemic team, our nursing team, and through communication with other schools as well. We get feedback from everywhere that we possibly can.
- Nearby schools - many schools around us who decided to transition to a hybrid model (despite only being in-person for kindergarten and 1st grade), are already forced to quarantine for positive cases.
- The school conducted a parent and teacher survey
  - 48.8% of families said they would like to remain virtual.
  - 51.2% of families said they would like to return to in-person education.
  - 28% of staff (9 people) said they ARE comfortable returning in person.
  - 71.9% of staff (23 people) said they ARE NOT comfortable returning in person.
- Mr. Adderley is making the recommendation to remain virtual for Quarter 2 (and to definitely remain virtual until the next board meeting).
  - He is proposing to modify the previous board-approved model of online learning which stated that we will revisit our model every quarter to determine how we will proceed for the next quarter.
  - Our SPED learners can perhaps return to the building to some degree during Quarter 2.
- Dr. Hammadov does not see any positive COVID cases at CHOP in which he is operating prescheduled kids.

- Kids who are coming to operating rooms for planned surgeries at CHOP get COVID testing done and they rarely test positive. However, this is likely because a very large percentage of these children are participating in VIRTUAL learning. Most are virtual.

#### **Mike Harman (SPED)**

- SPED students have been divided amongst SPED teachers.
- We're still working to fill Ms. Stacie's position. Ms. Wagner is helping out with her caseload.
- We have 1 speech therapist, 2 occupational therapists, 1 physical therapist, and 1 hearing therapist from IU.
- All IEPs and evaluations are on our timeline. We are ahead of our schedule for some IEPs by a couple weeks.
- Dr. Conti (aka Carolyn Carr - psychologist) is working to evaluate students to establish more reliable baselines for students' academic levels.

#### **Mehmet Ozden (ESL)**

- In-person screening was done for 19 students; 12 are eligible for ESL.
- 5 out of 11 former students were re-classified as ESL students, so we have a total of 17 ESL students.

#### **Director of Instruction (FG)**

- We achieved 100% planned instruction in week 4.
- We are moving into Chalk Planner for lesson planning. Staff will be trained this Friday (Oct 16th) and we will begin using this in the next few weeks.
- All i-Ready diagnostic test results are being emailed to families this week.
- This data will be used for students who are at-risk of failure.
- Incentives will be provided for students who increase a level (or for those who are already in the highest level and remain there)

#### **OPPS Team**

- 4 teachers applied for emergency certification.
- PIMS reports have been submitted.
- We passed our building inspection (by Borough of Lansdowne) yesterday (Oct 13th)
- We passed our Food & Safety inspection today (Oct 14)

## **VII. Business Manager's Report**

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Financial Statements (Exhibit V)

#### **Financial updates (Ali)**

- Current assets are sufficient to meet our liabilities
- We will receive \$300,000 from WPSD (Upper Darby and Interboro also made payments)
- This month, we didn't have any big payments, only Independence Blue Cross for \$26,000.00
- No update on when our audit will be completed. The auditors told us they would reach out to us mid-October. We've been working on health, safety, and equity grant reports and they will be submitted by the end of this month.

## **VIII. New Business Items:**

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#### **a. VACS Title IX Policy and Procedures on Nondiscrimination (Exhibit VI)**

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Mrs. Adams

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that the VACS Title IX Policy and Procedures on Nondiscrimination is APPROVED.

**b. New Hires and HR updates since September 9 (Exhibit VII)**

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Erion

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved that the New Employment contract for Mr. Connor Higgins as Spanish Teacher and HR updates since September 9th is APPROVED.

**c. Federal Programs Parent Engagement Policies (LEA Level and School Level) (Exhibit VIII)**

Motion: Mr. Seker

Second: Erion

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that the parent engagement policy for federal programs is APPROVED.

**d. Charter School Lease Reimbursement Program (PDE 418) (Exhibit IX)**

Motion: Mrs. Adams

Second: Mr. Seker

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved, that (PDE 418) is APPROVED.

**e. Ruvna - School Safety App - K-12 Crisis Alerts (Exhibit X)**

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Mr. Seker

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved that Ruvna (School Safety App) K-12 Crisis Alerts is TABLED until the administration decides which tool to purchase. There are various cost effective options available.

**f. Proposed timeline for returning students to in-person instruction for Vision Academy CS (Exhibit XI)**

Motion: Mr. Adam

Second: Erion

Ayes: All Nays:

Resolved that Regular education students will continue getting 100% virtual services as currently in place while Special Education and English Language Learners (ELLs) are provided with the option to come to the building for in-person/hybrid education models till November 30th. The Administration will coordinate bussing for special education and ELLs who will choose to come to the school facility for in-person education. The Administration will update the phased reopening plan posted on the website. The Board will reevaluate this decision at the next board meeting on November 11th. APPROVED.

**g. Adjournment**

Public meeting adjourned at **8:20PM**.

## **IX. Executive Session**

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**According to** Sunshine Law, 65 PA.C.S.A. § 708, executive sessions to discuss topics such as personnel matters, attorney-client privilege matters, pending litigation, negotiations and other such related matters. **Please Note:** The matters discussed will be made public if and when the circumstances requiring confidentiality no longer exist; however, it is not presently known when such circumstances will exist.

- Building Update
- Legal issues
- HR Needs

## **X. Suggested Future Agenda Items**

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### **Minutes Certification:**

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Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

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Board President/Board Secretary/Recording Secretary Date

Approved by the Board of Trustees on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/201\_\_

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Board President/Board Secretary/Recording Secretary Date