

**River Valley Charter
School Board of
Directors Meeting
Meeting # 260 November
12, 2019 7:00 pm**

Meeting was called to order at
7:05

In attendance: Pam
Armstrong Mark
Belanger Mark
Bishop Nancy
Durkee Ali Fields
Amber Hewett
(remote) Nina Keery
Jennifer McCormack
Erin Seaton

Out: Karina
Moltz
 Alfred Link
 Sam Jordan
 Catherine
 Martin

Jonnie Lyn
Evans Dan
Bouchard Deb
McCrevan

Pam reminded all to speak during
meetings

Montessori Minute/RVCS Revelation Montessori Revelation: a group from the Middle School did a presentation called Homelessness in the World. Students shared current global, national, and state stats. They discussed the specific problem of LGBTQ and Youth Homelessness and the lack of education and awareness around that topic. The

group is working to raise awareness and personal care items.

Public Comment: The new president of the RVCS Foundation introduced herself.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mark Bishop

2nd: Jennifer

McCormack Roll call:

all approve

Director's Report

JL clarified the news about servicing districts vs contiguous towns. She will speak with MCS office on Friday. We may have to amend the charter and/or revise the enrollment policy. More to come.

Mark Belanger suggested we consider displacements on the waitlist from the added towns of Groveland, Merrimac, and Rowley as an effect of this change.

Mark Bishop asked about transportation impact and budget impact. In terms of the former, JL shared news that we might be able to consider a common pick up location. Per-pupil tuition would be no more than current per-pupil revenue.

Ali inquired about marketing plans.

Erin noted how this change might help our equity/diversity agenda. Nancy suggested we balance communication with clear expectations around the lottery.

Mark Belanger suggested we see a revised enrollment policy preferably at Jan's meeting. JL says there are 19 students currently on the waitlist, 8 from areas outside our current service area. The goal is to make changes before the next lottery information sessions slated for Jan and Feb. All agreed to run this rolling out of a new policy by an attorney. On a similar note, Mark Belanger wants to also market if there was an accident at Seabrook Nu- clear Power Plant.

Pam canvased the group to see if the link worked—some chairs could not upload docs. Perhaps a shared drive might be a better solution.

Director's Goals were then discussed.

- 1) Capacity building
- 2) Educator growth what tools are the most useful including an observation protocol
- 3) Accountability and oversight with the goal of creating a dashboard
- 4) Access and equity

Mark Belanger suggested we add measures for safety as either an indicator on the dashboard or perhaps as another indicator or goal. The group decided it was not necessary to "vote" on JL's goals

Accountability See filed report; need policy statements on statewide testing, flag display, improving Title IX, overnight trips; JL shared a draft of the Accountability Plan, offered presentation on MCAS and introduced "screeners" and alternative assessments to bridge the gap between parent concerns and teacher feedback.

Development See filed report; an all inclusive event is happening in Jan

Committee on Trustees:

No report this month.

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Evaluation Subcommittee: no report; still waiting to meet; if you want to be involved, please be in touch with Amber

Miscellaneous No formal Dec meeting but a staff/BOT/Foundation holiday part is

scheduled Tuesday, Dec. 10 at Newburyport Brewery at 5:30. Doodle poll will be coming out so people can sign up to bring food.

Motion to adjourn:

Made by: Mark

Belanger 2nd: Nina

Keery

Vote: all

approve