

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL

2301 Evergreen Avenue, West Sacramento, California 95691

May 13, 2015

6:00 p.m.

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at _6:10pm_____.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Tirath Pal Sandhu	<u> X </u>	_____
Narinder Thandi	<u> X </u>	_____
Amar Shergill	<u> X </u>	_____
Darshan Mundy	<u> X </u>	_____
Surjit S. Dhillon	<u> X </u>	_____
Gurmeet Mohem	_____	_____
Harjit Kaur	_____	_____

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: 4/15/2015 Board Meeting

II. CLOSED SESSION: (30 min)

1. Personnel and Administration Staff Review – no action taken
2. Reprimands – no action taken

III. PUBLIC SESSION: (30 min)

1. PTO, Parents and Teachers Views on School Issues

PTO Statement by President of PTO
 Appreciate efforts of Board and school
 Concerned about teachers leaving
 Just teaching about Punjabi is not enough
 Majority of board members are considering leaving
 More principal candidates should have been interviewed
 Why are parents not banned for putting safety at risk

Parents want a town hall but board asked to cancel it
Parent teacher interaction is not encouraged
Need to be a fair non-discriminatory mgmt of teachers
Lack of competent HR department
Need STEM and community outreach
Lacking a real physical education and music program
Punjabi teachers should not be used as substitutes

Aman Bains
Children in Year 2, 5, 6
Why are kids using public bathrooms
Surjit: upstairs bathroom is now available and will be implemented

Deepak Sharma
Daughter at SVCS
Parents are encouraged to work with Board instead of criticize
Board is working to address issues and needs time to develop

Amit Dewan
Three kids at school
Easy to criticize board actions but Thanks Board for all their hard work
Agrees with Sharma
Recommend exit interviews with employees that leave

Pargat Singh Hundal
(Spoke in Punjabi)
SVCS is doing a good job with Punjabi program through
Dr. Singh and Ms. Nijjar are doing a good job

Rajinderpal Singh
Brought kids for Punjabi, they like the principal and Dr. Singh,
Recommend permanent nurse
Kids don't like food offered

Gurpreet Randhawa
Two kids at SVCS
Principals are changing too often, need stability
Teachers leaving is not satisfactory

Manpreet Singh
Daughter at SVCS, general secretary for PTO
Requests status for principal and Dr. Singh for next year
Recommend don't bring external politics into school

Harpreet Bains
Two children at SVCS since start of SVCS
Concerned about staff turnover and how it affects kids

Jaswinder Singh
Two children at SVCS
Last year has been better than the first three years
Teacher retention should be a priority, benefits package not good
Parents should be involved in major decisions

Pushpinder Brar
Three kids at SVCS
Suggest having a permanent nurse

Narinder Kaur
There is a communication gap between Board and parents
Board Meeting minutes should be posted on website

Ms. Rangee
Teachers love being here and teaching kids
This year teachers feel insecure re job security
Would like to stay but feels that there is a communication gap and that board should be more involved
Teachers opinions are not heard

Sandhu: Principal Gibson was hired as an interim principal and has stayed on at Board request. Board is working on process for new principal for next year. Reprimands are more than necessary; need more communication. Teachers are being requested to advise if they are returning. There has already been one new teacher hire for next year. Board is working to solve problems. Board may reconsider fire alarm issue for security.

Thandi: Requests that PTO continue to work with the Board.

Dhillon: Security hard drive crashed, preventing video of the fire alarm being pulled.

Mundy: Principal Egashira was not terminated by SVCS. She left of her own accord.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

B. For Information: Principal's Report: This is a presentation of information which has occurred since the previous Board meeting. (15 min)

1. Curriculum and Instruction – no action taken
2. Teachers Board Meeting Follow up Actions – no action taken

C. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions: No items for discussion.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them. The principal recommends approval of all consent agenda items. (None)

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. BUSINESS (15 min)

1. Expenditure Report – Harmon Purewal
Dhillon will take steps to direct-bill internet service to school credit card
2. Response to Cal STRS
Motion to Retain Attorney to respond to CALSTRS (by Shergill, 2nd Dhillon, unanimous vote)
3. Finances Review
4. PG&E Contribution
\$2,500 contribution, requires acknowledgement sticker on purchased technology items, will followup with staff for next meeting

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (15 min)

1. Approval of Teaching Calendar for 2015-16 School Year
Motion to Approve Calendar (attached to minutes) (by Mundy, 2nd by Thandi, unanimous vote)
2. Teachers Intent to Continue for 2015-16 School Year
Chairman to prepare letter to teachers and coordinate responses with Gibson, deadline in two weeks.
3. Punjabi Teaching
Chairman will confirm with administrators that Punjabi classes should not be cancelled unless no other feasible options are available. This year, Punjabi classes were cancelled along with all other classes due to time needed to complete testing. For next year, administration and teachers will be required to be properly trained so that burden does not fall on other staff; employment agreement to be amended to reflect this.

C. PERSONNEL (10 min)

1. Subcommittee for Hiring Certificated Personnel Report
 - 1) Principal: Interviews are being setup and committee will advise as to recommendations.
 - 2) Teachers: Anthony Gregg and Shanti Pineda declined. Amarpreet and Ginni Phillips next in line offered.

D. PUPIL SERVICES (5 min)

1. Student Capacity/Recruitment for 2015-16 School Year
33 students on waiting list

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

No items for discussion

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at _approximately 9pm_____