



VPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2025 - 2:00 pm ET

Access Point: 111 E. Monument Avenue, Suite 605 Kissimmee, FL 34741

Meeting held in Zoom at link: [Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: **378 909 3168**; Passcode: **VPrep2025**

MEETING MINUTES

I. **Call to Order** – L. Fuhmeister commenced the meeting at 2:00 pm ET

II. **Roll Call** –

Present: Lisa Fuhmeister, Vice Chair; Jennifer Parker, Board Secretary, and Dr. Jessica Howell
Absent: Stevie Johns, Board Chair

Guests: Sandra Anthony, Ed DePersis, Melissa Stokke-Larson, Wendy Ross, Brandi Byrd, Jessica Griffin.

L. Fuhmeister confirmed the quorum.

III. **Routine Business**- Lisa Fuhmeister,

- a. A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Jennifer Parker, seconded by Dr. Jessica Howell. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. A motion to approve the March 27, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes was made by Jennifer Parker, seconded by Dr. Jessica Howell. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Information and Discussion Items**

State of the School Report –

Dr. Anthony reported on Writing participation progress which was at 93% and 100% for FAA. She shared an at-a-glance map for Session 2 showing approximately 1,478 tests scheduled for grades 3-11. She also shared that school leaders have developed a partnership with Kaiser University who has donated their space for us at Kaiser Orlando, Kaiser Tampa, Kaiser Ft Lauderdale, Kaiser Daytona, Kaiser Miami, Kaiser Naples and Kaiser Sarasota . Dr. Anthony segued to share that this month’s Mission Moment shines a light on Ms. Brandi Byrd, teacher lead. Dr. Melissa-Stokke Larson added that Ms. Byrd brings her heart to all she does and serves as a role model for us all. She believes in VPrep and will do anything and everything for its success.



Dr. Stokke-Larson also introduced Ms. Jessica Griffin, VPrep's new assistant principal. We are so excited to have her on our team. Dr. Anthony shared that Elaine Ruiz has tendered her resignation for personal reasons and the parent liaison position is currently vacant.

Finance Update

Mr. DePersis stated that in addition to the monthly finances, he will also be presenting the 2025-2026 budget.

The FY 25 enrollments and FTE's, 757 are unchanged. The projected weighted FTEs for FY25 to 584 and hoping that there is an opportunity for a great capture. Mr. DePersis shared that payment is driven from Survey 2- \$296,980 - now based on 713.5 WFTE's.

Mr. DePersis reviewed the revenue, expenses, cash balances and AP outstanding.

The Board was presented the FY25 Revised Budget, Revenue, Expenses and Deficit and provided the detail for the Board's awareness. Actuals were not available at the time of the meeting so he will catch the Board up next month. Regarding funding, because we are currently being overfunded at the time, Ed has taken that into account for FY26 funding which will have impact.

He shared the FY Enrollments data as well as FY Projected Receipts and Disbursements as well as the payment schedule.

Mr. DePersis reviewed the ACCEL invoice detail and payment requests.

Draft – Tentative Budget

Ed reviewed projected enrollments with increases projected for in year enrollments for FY 26. FY funding is driven by expected FTE of 632.8 which will be adjusted down for the adjustment.

A line by line, year over year comparison was provided along with federal revenue. Employee-related expenses were reviewed as well as other school-related expenses as well as new computer costs.

There were no questions.



Dr. Anthony provided an FTE Audit update. We are still awaiting resolution for the FTE underfunding matter. Dr. Anthony shared that the school is now eligible for Title I funding, which will provide 2 FTE interventionists, a MTSS coordinator and instructional coach, as well as summer credit recovery and other costs associated with providing services to disadvantaged students in the amount of **\$199,406.34**. She also presented a new on the job, OTJ, program called Future Forward: Rise Up, an on-the-jobs training program for students 15 years and older.

Enrollment Update – Wendy Ross

Ms. Ross shared the Enrollment Update. There are currently 662 students on roll. Ms. Ross shared that she is excited about the upcoming re-enrollment season. Re-enrollment is up and is now at 77% with a goal of 80%. Ms. Ross shared that we have a goal of 100% response rate and we are currently at 79% to date. She reviewed all the new ways we are connecting with families to have them set their intentions for the new year. Stay tuned for Text for Takis next month.

Board Discussion –

The board discussed the 2025-2026 board meeting calendar and the Charter Conference. Dr. Anthony will send out a draft for approval at the next meeting. Discussion focused on scheduling committee meetings and Dr. Howell shared that she is out of the country from May 12 - May 24.

V. Comments from the Board

Jennifer Parker shared her amazement on all the great things happening at the school and expressed her gratitude. Dr. Howell seconded that sentiment and commented on the testing participation and the culture created about the importance of being able to customize the student experience and academic journey. Dr. Howell inquired if students come to our school to graduate early. Dr. Stokke-Larson shared that we don't see that often and more often it is students who need to catch up. The discussion extended about dual enrollment and the formal structures. Dr. Stokke-Larson shared that she is currently working on a dual enrollment program for the upcoming year.



Vice Chair Lisa Fuhmeister commented on the increase in testing participation from last year is impressive and the efforts show. She shared that she knows it's a team effort and she complemented the leadership team.

VI. Board Action and Approvals

On a motion by Dr. Jessica Howell, seconded by Jennifer Parker, the Board approved the **Accel Payment request**. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Lisa Fuhmeister, seconded by Jennifer Parker, the Board approved the **2026 Tentative Budget**. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Adjournment

The next board meeting is **Thursday, May 15, 2025**. As the next meeting is scheduled for Juneteeth. The June meeting will be re-scheduled for **June 26th**.

Board adjourned at 2:40pm.