



## VPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

May 15, 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** – Stevie Johns commenced the meeting at 2:00 pm ET

II. **Roll Call** –

Present: Stevie Johns, Chair; Lisa Fuhrmeister, Vice Chair; Jennifer Parker, Board Secretary  
Absent: Jessica Howell, Board Member

Guests: Sandra Anthony, Megan Sandoval, Ed DePersis, Melissa Stokke-Larson, Wendy Ross,  
members of the public

Stevie Johns confirmed the quorum.

III. **Routine Business**- Stevie Johns

- a. A motion to approve the **May 15, 2025 Agenda** was made by Stevie Johns, seconded by Lisa Fuhrmeister. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. A motion to approve the **April 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes** was made by Jennifer Parker, seconded by Stevie Johns. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Information and Discussion Items**

#### **State of the School Report** –

Dr. Anthony updated the Board on the state test participation results.  
The proposed schedule for the Board of Directors Annual Meeting calendar was presented for consideration and approval as follows:

July 17, 2025	January 15, 2026
August 21, 2025	February 19, 2026
September 18, 2025	April 16, 2026
October 16, 2025	May 21, 2026
November 20, 2025	June 18, 2026



The Mission Moment was presented by Dr. Stokke Larson as she celebrated teachers through the voice of the students. She shared Teacher Appreciation Superlatives and cards created by the students. Dr. Stokke Larson shared information about our Kindergarten graduation, awards ceremonies and the soon to be released shark name with the highest votes of our school mascot along with the winner of the trip to the Aquarium. Dr. Stokke Larson also shared the summer programming events which include 3<sup>rd</sup> grade summer reading, extended school year, and middle and high school credit recovery opportunities.

## **V. Finance Update**

Mr. DePersis presented the average monthly enrollments and FTE's, 757, as unchanged. No changes were reported on the funding payments. Total revenue is reflecting the expected funding payments rather than capture. Estimates are higher than actual and adjustments will adjust next year.

Mr. DePersis reviewed the cash balances, payment requests, and projected AP outstanding. Deficit is projected to be 2.3M. Revenue expected for FY25 is \$4.2M.

Mr. DePersis reviewed the FY25 projected receipts and disbursements and expenses. He reviewed the AP Outstanding, ACCEL invoice detail and payment requests as well as the Balance Sheet.

There were no questions.

Dr. Anthony provided an FTE Audit update. We are still awaiting resolution for the FTE underfunding matter and appeals.

## **VI. Enrollment Update – Wendy Ross**

Ms. Ross shared the Enrollment Update. There are currently 657 students on roll. Ms. Ross shared that we have a 93% response rate and that re-enrollment is up and is now at 82.80. Only 25 families are undecided. She shared that families have been sharing great feedback about our school and staff when she is speaking with families.

Dr. Anthony spoke about the Text for Takis initiative, which has been super fun *and she will need more money in the budget for more Takis*. Dr. Anthony shared as an outgrowth of the most recent committee meeting, the school will be hosting a Chick-fil-a community event next month where No-name shark meets a cow. More information to come.



VII. **Board Committee Report**

Lisa Furbmeister shared that that the first Executive Committee was fantastic. Jennifer, Lisa and Sandra discussed enrollment, marketing and retention. The spirit is the driving force behind the work and capitalizing on the momentum and energy at the school.

Ms. Furbmeister shared that the topic of best practices and ensuring student engagement is at high levels. She further stated that firsthand experiences drive retention and increased enrollments. Ms. Furbmeister stated that the committee discussed what solid growth needs to look like and how the admin team is looking at new programs to increase enrollment. Ms. Furbmeister shared that Polk County is closing their virtual school and that becoming an option for displaced families will be a need. Placing flyers at community locations will be a great initiative to bring excitement to this work. Ms. Furbmeister shared that the committee discussed the ever-changing landscape in Florida and that Polk county is a good example of that. Top of mind, then, for our school is how to communicate our school's uniqueness and speciality.

Board Chair Johns thanked the committee for their work and keeping the direction moving forward. She shared that the Strategic Committee meets next week.

VIII. **Comments from the Board**

There were no additional comments from the board.

IX. **Board Action and Approvals**

On a motion by Lisa Furbmeister, seconded by Jennifer Parker, the Board approved the May 25, 2025 **Accel Payment request**. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Stevie Johns, seconded by Jennifer Parker, the Board approved the 2025- **2026 Board Calendar of Meetings**. Motion carried unanimously.

X. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

XI. **Legal and Legislative**

There was no update at this time.

The next board meeting is **Thursday, June 26, 2025**.  
The Board adjourned at 2:29pm.