



## VPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

**August 21, 2025 - 2:00 pm ET**

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

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### Meeting Minutes

I. **Call to Order** – Vice Chair Lisa Fuhrmeister called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm ET

II. **Roll Call** –

Present: Vice Chair, Lisa Fuhrmeister, Dr. Jessica Howell, Jennifer Parker

Absent: Stevie Johns

Guests: Sandra Anthony, Megan Sandoval, Ed DePersis, Melissa Stokke-Larson, Wendy Ross, Debra Bele

Lisa Fuhrmeister confirmed the quorum.

III. **Routine Business** – L. Fuhrmeister

- a. A motion to approve the agenda was made by **Lisa Fuhrmeister**, seconded by Jennifer Parker. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. A motion to approve the July 17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes was made by Dr. Jessica Howell, Jennifer Parker. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Information and Discussion Items**

#### ***State of the School Report***

Drs. Stokke Larson and Anthony shared highlights of this year's school opening and first days for staff and students with information about the curriculum offerings, instructional program and assessment. Dr. Stokke Larson shared how the three pillars of curriculum, instruction and assessment are woven into the themes of the year and how this year's



professional development program. A professional development consultant from Curriculum Associates facilitated the second day of professional learning for our teachers as well as members of the national team and our VPrep leaders who also facilitated break-out sessions for our staff. Sessions ranged from IEP development, to graduation planning, to student success, to curriculum mapping and mastering standards.

Dr. Stokke Larson provided the board with highlights from a recent survey from our parents, students and staff as the administration gathers the voice of our school community.

Dr. Anthony shared highlights of the head of school keynote, which is themed around the idea that sharks swim up this year. Dr. Stokke Larson followed by sharing this year's connection will be watching Finn the shark climb mountains. Her first will be Britton Hill if the school reaches its first milestone of 95% testing participation for PM1.

### ***2025-2026 School Improvement Plan (SIP)***

Dr. Anthony presented the 25-26 school improvement plan. She provided an overview of the data used to create the plan, areas of focus which included math, ELA, Science and Disaggregated Subgroups. She also shared information about how parents will be invited to become involved in this year's school improvement program.

### ***Other***

Information was shared related to this year's Summer Testing Program. Of the 44 students who were administered the Algebra 1 EOC and ELA retakes, only 2 achieved passing scores. 32 students improved their score.

### ***Attendance***

This month's mission moment is celebrating attendance! The average daily attendance between the dates of 8/11 and 8/15 was 92%! Elementary was at 95% and Secondary at 91%!

### **Financial Update and Payment Request– Ed DePersis**

Mr. DePersis presented the Executive Summary which outlined enrollments, FTE, and funding payments as well as cash balances, ACCEL payment requests and AP Outstanding. He provided the Board with details of revenue, expenses and surplus/deficit amounts. A review of FY 25 projected receipts and disbursements was also provided with the invoice detail for July.



Mr. DePersis reiterated that the prior year overpayment is still impacting the budget.

There were no questions.

### **Enrollment Update – Wendy Ross**

Ms. Ross shared the Enrollment Update. There are currently 717 students on roll. The school is seeing a larger influx of new secondary enrollees.

Dr. Stokke Larson shared how many students are coming to us under-credit and not on track for graduation. She spoke of the efforts underway to support these students. Lisa Furrmeister commended this work as we are teaching students about self-advocacy and helping them understand all of their options.

### **Legal**

There was no legal or legislative update.

### **Board Committee Reports**

Strategic Committee Report: Dr. Howell shared that the committee met this month and discussed the 24-25 Monitoring Report issued by the district. She shared that school administration has asked for clarity and explanations on some of the indicators. They are awaiting word from the Osceola leadership team on that request for information. Dr. Howell also shared that the committee discussed ways to expand the board membership.

Executive Committee Report: Jennifer shared that they, too, discussed the monitoring report and also discussed board membership. The committee also discussed term limits. The committee also discussed marketing and enrollment initiatives.

### **Action Items**

On a motion by Lisa Furrmeister seconded by Jennifer Parker, the Board approved the **ACCEL payment request**. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Jennifer Parker, seconded by Dr. Jessica Howell, the Board approved the **25-26 School Improvement Plan**. Motion carried unanimously.



### **Comments from the Board**

Jennifer Parker shared that the school improvement plan looked well thought out and the focus is something that the board can support.

Jessica Howell expressed her thoughts on the communications and the onboarding process and the efforts to ensure student success is the goal.

Lisa Fuhrmeister asked if there was an update on the K-3 shortfall funding matter. Both Mr. DePersis and Dr. Anthony shared that had not. Dr. Anthony stated that she met with Angela Barner this week and Ms. Barner had not heard of an update yet either.

Lisa Furmeister shared her excitement about the passion, the grit and the determination the school leadership shows and the board is behind them.

The next board meeting date: **September 18, 2025.**

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

The **meeting adjourned** at 2:47.