

VISTA CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS



VISTA students have power in the establishment of their identities. They create the vision of who they are, the path they choose in life, and the reason they have chosen it. They are Critical constructors of knowledge in an ever changing and interconnected society. Their learning and development is constructed and fostered in an environment that focuses upon individual strengths, needs, and desires through a differentiated approach.

**Vista Charter Public Schools
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2900 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026
April 25th, 2016---5:00 PM**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:02 PM

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present

*Joe Rubio
Don Wilson
Paul Vieyra
Jody Molodow*

Members Not Present

*Todd Clark
Jack Bagwell
Hasty Arnold*

C. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda

Item A (Proposition 39, California Clean Energy Jobs Act presentation) of the Action Items was moved and discussed after the Risk Management Awards. There were special presenters who needed a time certain for this item.

VCPS STAFF AND STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

Student Champion Of The Month

Vista Heritage Charter Middle School

Luis Bruno & Felix Gutierrez were recognized

Vista Charter Middle School

Ashley Machado, 8th grade, and Wilmer Paz, 6th grade were recognized

Champion Class of the Month

Mr. Benavides and his class were recognized for publishing a Spanish Language book through the Student Treasures publishing company.

Presentation of the Risk Management Pays award by Alliance of Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs (ASCIP) to Vista Charter Public Schools

Deborah Nobles, representing ASCIP presented an award to VCPS for excellent risk management and accessing many training through ASCIP.

A. COMMUNICATIONS & ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Presentations from the Public

There were no presentations from the public.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vahe Markarian presented the Executive Director's report which included:

- 1. LAUSD Board meeting updates on monthly charter petition approvals*
- 2. CCSA'S Annual advocacy day (Tuesday, May 3rd)*
- 3. UTLA's May 4th plan of Charter Focused Walk In – to take back their schools!
UTLA's attempt at disrupting charter schools, especially co-located ones to demonstrate that charter schools have over allocated spaces through Prop. 39*

C. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Jose Kubes presented the Principal's report for Vista Charter Middle School which included:

- 1. Enrollment update*
- 2. Data Dive*
- 3. Formative Assessment results*
- 4. Instructional Program Highlights*
- 5. Upcoming events (LAUSD's oversight visit, Quarter 4 Benchmark Assessments, SBAC Camp, Spring Festival)*
- 6. CAASPP Interim Block data update*

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ricardo Vigel presented the Principal's report for Vista Heritage Charter Middle School which included:

- 1. Enrollment updates*
- 2. 2016-2017 Enrollment Projections*
- 3. Parent engagement Events*
- 4. Assessment and Accountability*

E. FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW - CBO

Paul Khoury presented the financials for VCPS schools.

The following items were reviewed for the following schools:

- 1. Vista Charter Middle School*
- 2. Vista Heritage Charter Middle School*

Financial Summary & Revised Forecast

Consolidated Financials

Budget VS Actuals

Balance Sheet

Cash Flow

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

1. Draft Budget review for Vista Charter Middle School

The draft budget for VCMS was presented by Paul Khoury and reviewed by the board.

The budget will be updated and finalized once the May Revise budget figures are finalized by the Governor.

2. Draft Budget review for Vista Heritage Charter Middle School

The draft budget for VHCMS was presented by Paul Khoury and reviewed by the board. The budget will be updated and finalized once the May Revise budget figures are finalized by the Governor.

3. English Language Arts Program Adoption for the 2016/2017 school year.

Mr. Kubes presented the Language Arts program adoption process for VCPS. VCPS staff and administration have selected Engage New York as the language arts curriculum for all VCPS schools.

II. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Proposition 39, California Clean Energy Jobs Act presentation by First Note Finance Inc.

The Board of Directors of VCPS reviewed and adopted the proposition 39, California Clean Energy Jobs Act grant as described by First Note finance Inc.

Motion: ___Mr. Wilson___ Second: ___Ms. Molodow___

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
A. Arnold			
J. Rubio	X		
T. Clark			
J. Bagwell			
D. Wilson	X		
P. Vieyra	X		
J. Molodow	X		

B. 2016/2017 School Year Calendar For Vista Charter Middle School & Vista Heritage Charter Middle School

The Board of Directors of VCPS reviewed and adopted the 2016/2017 school year calendar for all VCPS schools.

Motion: ___Mr. Vieyra___ Second: ___Ms. Molodow ___

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
A. Arnold			
J. Rubio	X		
T. Clark			
J. Bagwell			
D. Wilson	X		
P. Vieyra	X		
J. Molodow	X		

C. Teacher Effectiveness Grant

The Board of Directors of VCPS reviewed and approved the Teacher Effectiveness Grant in the amount of \$27,864. The grant will provide new teacher support, mentoring, Bloomboard and summer professional development.

Motion: ___Mr. Rubio ___ Second: ___Mr. Wilson___

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
A. Arnold			
J. Rubio	X		
T. Clark			
J. Bagwell			
D. Wilson	X		
P. Vieyra	X		
J. Molodow	X		

D. Annual Consolidated Audit Report

The Board of Directors of VCPS reviewed and adopted the Audit report for Vista Charter Middle School for the 2014-2015 school year

Motion: ___ Mr. Wilson ___ Second: ___ Ms. Molodow ___

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
A. Arnold			
J. Rubio	X		
T. Clark			
J. Bagwell			
D. Wilson	X		
P. Vieyra	X		
J. Molodow	X		

E. Engagement Letter with ‘Wilkinson Hadley King & Co. LLP’ for conducting annual Audits of Vista Charter Public Schools financials

The Board of Directors of VCPS reviewed and adopted the engagement letter with Wilkinson Hadley King & Co. LLP. This firm will now be the audit firm engaged to audit VCPS’s year end financials.

Motion: ___ Mr. Vieyra ___ Second: ___ Mr. Wilson ___

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
A. Arnold			
J. Rubio	X		
T. Clark			
J. Bagwell			
D. Wilson	X		
P. Vieyra	X		
J. Molodow	X		

F. Resolution appointing the Chief Business Officer of VCPS as the PARS plan administrator for VCPS

The Board of Directors of VCPS adopted the resolution to appoint the organization’s CBO, Mr. Paul Khoury as the PARS plan administrator for VCPS.

Motion: ___Ms. Molodow ___ Second: ___Mr. Vieyra ___

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
A. Arnold			
J. Rubio	X		
T. Clark			
J. Bagwell			
D. Wilson	X		
P. Vieyra	X		
J. Molodow	X		

G. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Board of Directors of VCPS adopted the minutes of the April 4th Board meeting.

Motion: ___Mr. Wilson ___ Second: ___Ms. Molodow ___

Vote	Yes	No	Abstain
A. Arnold			
J. Rubio	X		
T. Clark			
J. Bagwell			
D. Wilson	X		
P. Vieyra	X		
J. Molodow	X		

III. CLOSED SESSION:

The Board of Directors will move into closed session to discuss matters described in this section. Matters to be discussed are those permitted by Government Code Sections 54956.8, 54956.9, 54956.95, 54957, and 54957.6 – personnel, litigation and/or real property.

There were no closed session items

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM