

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of
Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School
Held October 27, 2008-Board Study Session**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School was held at 6:00 pm on October 27, 2008 at the school site, 28049 Smyth Drive.

Amber Raskin conducted the meeting. Franca Campopiano recorded the minutes.

I. The Board was called to order by President Raskin at 6:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call was conducted to establish a quorum:

Amber Raskin-Present

Courtney Lackey-Present

Sharlene Atwood-Present

Franca Campopiano-Present

Dawn Evenson-Present

Rene Rubalcava-Present

Andy Hetzel-Absent at time of roll call; entered meeting at 6:20 p.m.

III. Discussion of short term and long terms school enrollment projections.

The Board discussed the various pros and cons, benefits and challenges of growing the school too big, too fast; discussing the various programs needed to establish a top-notch middle school and high school and ways to attract and sustain families over time.

Discussion regarding how to attract and attain middle and high school students: we will need comparable programs to those in the middle and high schools. (e.g. sports, extracurricular clubs, etc.) A projection of 1,000 enrolled students would be needed to afford such programs. Our current ADA, as reported by Dawn Evenson is 124. We currently have a waiting list in most grades except 7th grade.

We have asked/offered the school district for a relationship for SCVi students to participate in their programs, but have not been taken up on the offer at this time.

Board discussed having a large building for K-8 students and another for high school students. Discussion about the operational infrastructure of two sites, versus one site.

Discussion regarding enrollment projections. With a 1200 projection it is approximately 133 students per grade level. Is this the number of students we would like at each grade level? What is the optimal number of students at each grade level? We should have a cap of 1200 total students.

Discussion regarding the lack of middle school options in the area, and how can we attract and sustain middle school students?

Discussion regarding the birth rate, the economy and the decrease in community growth in the next several years because of these two factors. SCVi will need to focus in on our IB program as this is different and something that will attract families to our school.

Andy Hetzel asked whether or not we should be looking at facility options rather than enrollment projections, as this may steer our enrollment projection conversation.

Group began discussing facility options.

1. Short term facility options

A) Saugus Hospital-escrow scheduled for January 13, 2009.

Karen and Mark Irvins (potential owners) will share information with us about escrow as they receive it. The Irvins would like to negotiate a lease agreement with the school, which will assist them in acquiring the necessary funding for the ownership of the building. The basic terms of the agreement are as follows: \$1.80/square foot and \$20 square foot for TI (Tenant Improvements).

B) District offered facility- The Hart District would provide SCVi with a 'warehouse' filled with modular. A developer would pay for the build out costs of placing the modular in the warehouse. We do not have information about cost to SCVi on this option.

2. Long Term Facility Options:

Tabled for future discussions

Andy Hetzel-Motioned to explore the Saugus Hospital facility as a short-term option. The Board will ensure due diligence and follow up on the following three items in the next few weeks 1.Board will to visit the site; 2. And mutually agreeable lease agreement will be written up; 3. Board and Owners will need to agree to terms of agreement, and the number of years at this site.

Courtney Lackey seconded the motion.

Discussion that a Phase I inspection has been completed on the facility (lead and asbestos). Amber Raskin will follow up with CSDC and CCSA with facility related questions specific to charter schools.

Motion carried 7:0

Amber Raskin motioned that we tell the district we are going to table the issue of their facility. We will get back to them in 45 days.

Franca Campopiano seconded the motion.

Motion carried 7:0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.