

**GREAT VALLEY ACADEMY**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**September 27, 2021**

# MINUTES

**Members Present:** Steve Payne, Yolanda Meraz, Vince Jamison, Susan Nisan

**Members Absent:** Twila Tosh

**Great Valley**

**Academy Staff Present:** Leah Silvestre Franklin, Marisa Meeks, Dr. Eldon Rosenow, Tarah Heilman, Mike Ruehle, Russ Howell, Kelli Rupe

**Audience Present:** None

**Call to Order:**

**Communications:** **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Written**

**Communications:** None

**Public Participation:** None

**Modesto Principal**

**Report:** Mr. Ruehle spoke about the 40 Book Challenge. Students earn points and certificates for each book read. The spirit of it is that different genres are explored and the kids can feel good about their accomplishment.

**Salida Principal**

**Report:** Mr. Howell showed the Morning Slides presentation. The slides give a quote of the day, character focus for each week and help with engagement and consistency in the way we dive into the GVA way and character traits.

**Homeschool Principal**

**Report:** Mrs. Heilman spoke about how the Homeschool program is evolving due to legislation and COVID. Everything is an updated version or a relaunch! We are bringing back outside fieldtrips in small groups as well as spirit days once a month. Overall, Homeschool is maintaining a higher standard and keeping a pulse check on academics.

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### *Chief Operating*

#### **Officer's Report:**

Mrs. Meeks gave an update on staff testing. Unvaccinated staff will be tested on site by a third party testing service. We can also now test student's onsite with rapid testing with parent's consent.

### *Chief Executive*

#### **Officer's Report:**

Ms. Silvestre Franklin spoke about our 2 new teachers on assignment. Kathy Harvey is the Dedicated new teacher Induction Lead. We now have 27 teachers in the program. Pati Perales is the EL Support Lead. She is "unduplicated student" support and helps teachers with being better supporters with unduplicated and struggling students.

#### **Founder's Report:**

Dr. Rosenow spoke about the changes in GVSmart. They are seeing kids 4 time per week and are seeing fast improvements.

### *Approval of Agenda/*

#### **Order of Agenda:**

The motion was made by Mrs. Nisan, seconded by Mrs. Meraz, approving the Agenda and Order of Agenda. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Payne, Meraz, Jamison, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

### *Consent Agenda:*

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The motion was made by Mr. Jamison, seconded by Mrs. Meraz approving the consent agenda items. A roll call vote was taken.

**AYES:** Payne, Meraz, Jamison, Nisan

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Tosh

**ABSTENTIONS:** None

### *Action Items:*

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

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### ***Information and***

#### ***Discussion:***

#### **Monthly Financials**

Modesto and Salida both have healthy cash reserves.

Revised budgets are coming next month.

### ***Future Agenda***

#### ***Items:***

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Next Regular Board Meeting – October 25, 2021 5:30 pm

~1209 Woodrow Ave., Suite A4 Modesto CA

#### ***Adjournment:***

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm