



Board of Directors Meeting
Location: The Vanguard Library

***** Wednesday, September 21, 2022 *****

Working Session 5:00 P.M.

Public Session 6:00 P.M.

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Matt Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. Rene' Chatham, Matt Hughes, Eric Koppisch, and Sperry Redd were present. Kurt Peters joined the meeting virtually.

2. Approval of Agenda

Rene' Chatham moved to approve the agenda. It was decided to strike item #10, Executive Session. **Sperry Redd seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion was approved.**

3. Board Reorganization

- **Rene' Chatham moved to approve the following slate of officers for 2022-2023.**

- President: Matt Hughes
- Vice President: Sperry Redd
- Secretary: Rene' Chatham
- Treasurer: Kurt Peters
- Director: Eric Koppisch

Eric Koppisch seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion was approved.

4. Consent Items

- Approval of Minutes, August 17, 2022
Sperry Redd moved to approve the August board meeting minutes. Eric Koppisch seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion was approved.
- New Hires
Branigan, Shyanne 4-6 (Non-Instructional)
- Separations
Brian Boedefeld Groundskeeper
Miechele Boedefeld Custodian
Liam Connerly 4-6 Latin Teacher
Monica Foster K-3 (Non-instructional)
Joanne Thomas 4-6 Science Teacher

5. Treasurer's Report

Diane Borre presented the Treasurer's Report and reviewed the financials as of August 31, 2022.

6. Strategic Plan Update

Enrollment

- We continue to focus on enrollment and placement testing of new students.
- Analysis of student retention is being conducted to identify trends and make adjustments before next year's enrollment season.

HR

- We recently updated our Vanguard Team webpage to reflect all new staff and improve the overall look and design of the page.
- We will once again host a Flu Vaccine Clinic on site on October 19. Flu shots are covered for staff members enrolled in the school's health plan, and we plan to cover the cost of shots for any non-participating employees.
- Updates have been made to our Vanguard Profile page on *Handshake*. This will be a critical piece of our recruiting efforts for the coming year. We are also reviewing potential job fairs in the coming months into the spring.

Health

- We implemented a new process to receive health histories and immunization documents for our newly enrolled students this year which greatly enhanced safety and our ability to provide care for incoming students.
- Vision and Health Screenings are taking place all this week for our students.
- An American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED class is scheduled for ten of our staff members on September 23.

Security

- The Neighborhood Safety Committee has resumed its monthly meetings. We will be holding our annual fall clean-up on October 8. The landlord at Southern Cross Shopping Center has become very active in the NSC and is looking to invite several local politicians to attend and participate.
- The new security camera system is fully operational with continuing adjustments to optimize performance. The system has been used heavily already with clear improvements to student safety.
- A second drone was purchased to allow for quick aerial coverage of both campuses.

IT

- The printer migration is in progress. It has been a rocky transition, but steps have been taken to improve things moving forward.
- Upgraded Wi-Fi access points have been installed. Network switches are still pending the fiber installation.
- The addition of the new IT System Administrator position is working well so far, with ongoing training for Mr. Zebarth.
- We are digitizing many student services forms into Infinite Campus for better visibility, compliance, and retention.

Facilities

- A new marquee sign for the Wahsatch campus is up and running with plans to get a proposal for the Corona campus and begin fundraising projects to help support the financial cost.
- We are changing to a wireless system to improve communications with the Colorado Springs Fire Department.

- New Brivo access control readers are being installed at the Wahsatch campus turf and blacktop playgrounds and the three main doors to improve security access while entering and exiting the building.
- New instructional and directional signs have been installed on the Corona campus to improve crosswalk safety and carline procedures.
- ENT Credit Union is providing eighteen volunteers who will help paint and clean around the athletic modular on October 10.
- The school's cross-country trail behind the track area has been improved with grading, landscaping with red breeze road base, and cleaning up the area.
- A new snowplow is being installed on the school truck in preparation for the winter season to assist the contractor during emergencies and events.
- All lawnmower equipment was repaired to support the upper and lower campus grass areas.

7. Executive Director's Report – Renee Henslee

General / K-12 Overview

- On the second Friday of September, assemblies at all levels honored those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001. Lower elementary celebrated Patriot Day by learning about three heroes, including a seeing eye dog that showed bravery on 9/11.
- This Friday is our first Staff Development Day. Staff will get to meet with their departments and set their goals for the upcoming year.
- Count Day is on October 3. Elementary students and staff will be encouraged to celebrate our school pride that day by wearing blue and gold.

Elementary / K-6

- Lower elementary is very excited about their new marquee. Parents have appreciated the quick reminders about upcoming events.
- Lower elementary students are thoroughly enjoying their after-school activities: running with Landsharks, learning martial arts with Sensei Lalone, and playing basketball with the high school basketball players.
- Upper elementary students are running with Landsharks and involved with junior high volleyball, cross country, and soccer.
- Our students are excited about science and the hands-on nature of our new science curriculum. Teachers are enjoying seeing curiosity and critical thinking bloom.

Junior High

- Our staff and students enjoyed a team-building activity event last Friday to replace our annual trip to the Ropes Course. The event included participation in an escape room, capture the flag, or rather capture a seven-foot diameter soccer ball, and playing jumbo-sized checkers, chess, tick-tack-toe, and connect four. Students also enjoyed a snow cone from Kona Ice to cool down after their activities on the turf.
- Over the past week, teachers and students have participated in quarterly assessments to establish a baseline on students' core skills. Analysis of these skills will be used to design support for students in the areas in which they need to grow in preparation for exams and testing in the spring.
- Student Council officers for this year are: President, Teddy Prins; Vice President, Trevor Sweet; Secretary, T.J. Ware; and Treasurer, Lily Simpkins. The newly elected Student Council will be working to coordinate the first of many junior high events, the Halloween Dance, on October 28.

High School

- The high school retreat was a success. Our staff did an excellent job keeping our students engaged with the activities, and our students formed positive relationships that continue to develop as the year progresses. Students were able to navigate the ropes course, play human foosball, go on hikes, play frisbee golf, try axe throwing, and other activities. The end of the first night was capped off with grade level meetings where each grade level discussed expectations for the year while making s'mores.
- Student-led clubs are entering their fifth week. Students have over twenty-three choices for Monday-Thursday activity periods. Club offerings include American Mathematical Competition, USA Biology Olympiad, STEM, Rocketry, Service Club, Computer Science, World Cup Soccer, Chess Club, and many more. Students can try new clubs every quarter.
- Back to School and Senior Parent Nights were both well attended. During Back to School Night, parents had the opportunity to meet with their students' teachers and experience their schedules. Senior Parent Night was led by Mr. Welsh, and parents were informed about upcoming events. Mrs. Custer discussed how to support with college applications.
- National Honor Society officers for this year are: President, Elizabeth Lee; Vice President, Dagen Gerber; Secretary, William Mays; and Treasurer, Lilia Akinchina.
- Last Friday afternoon, we were pleased to welcome parents to the annual Academic Awards Ceremony to honor our top-performing students of 2021-22. Academic Letters were awarded to one hundred nine students for being on the Honor Roll or Principal's List for both semesters. Students were also acknowledged for National Merit Scholarship recognition, perfect scores on College Admission Tests, AP Scholar recognition, and distinguished performance on the Classic Learning Test.
- PSAT preparation for juniors will be held on October 10-11, with the PSAT-NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualification Test) being administered on the morning of October 12 for sophomores and juniors.
- Vanguard will host our second annual Vanguard College Fair on September 26, with twenty-three colleges attending.
- The week of October 10 will be Spirit Week for the high school. We look forward to our traditional Spirit Week activities, including our flag football competition between the grade levels, the bonfire, and the Homecoming dance on October 15.

Athletics

- The varsity boys cross country team took second place at Saturday's Air Academy race. Nadhia Campos-Garcia won first place for the entire meet (2A-5A) and set a new course record. The junior high boys team won first place at their meet in Banning Lewis. Max Miller is now 4 for 4 in races and first place wins.
- The boys golf team competed in the 3A regionals today. Eshan Jain shot an 81 and officially qualified for State.
- The boys varsity soccer team is now 7-2 on the season and ranked #2 in RPI for the state (2A). The junior high team remains undefeated as it looks towards playoffs next week.
- The girls varsity volleyball team is currently ranked #14 in RPI for the state (3A). The junior high A and B teams look to finish the regular season strong this week and will likely make playoffs for the first time in over four years.

8. Board Items

Upcoming


- The next public board meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2022.
- The annual board planning session is set for November 5, 2022.

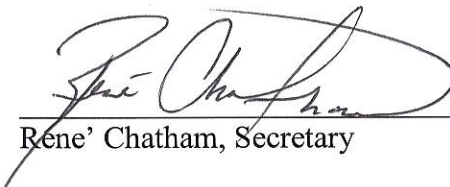
Comments

- Rene' Chatham expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Henslee and the staff for educating our students while honoring those affected by 9/11, adding that it is important to teach our students about this significant event. Mrs. Chatham also noted that it was very good to hear that the cameras were a great investment.
- Kurt Peters commented positively on our soccer team's winning season; they are currently ranked second in the state (2A). He also expressed his support for introducing our eighth graders to the college fair experience.
- Eric Koppish added that he also appreciated the recent assemblies and noted that the kindergarten assembly was especially good with the 9/11 stories shared being very relatable for the younger children. Mr. Koppish also commented on the junior high's excellent efforts to salvage the bonding day activity. He concluded by recognizing the many parents who have stepped up to help with a lot of athletics and noted how important that is.
- Sperry Redd commented on the Academic Awards Ceremony and what a huge accomplishment it was to have the best ever number of academic letters presented. He added that this is a tangible way to see that the measures taken have been effective. Mr. Redd also mentioned that our junior high soccer team is playing in the rain today, doing a great job, and having a great year.
- Matt Hughes observed that this year is off to a great start, and any challenges have been met. He commented that our Cohort program is one of the best school programs we have for presenting our school from kindergarten to twelfth grade. Mr. Hughes thanked those in attendance and noted that it was also nice to see some new faces.

9. Adjournment

Rene' Chatham moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 P.M. Sperry Redd seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion was approved.

 10-26-2022
Matt Hughes, President Date

 10/26/22
Rene' Chatham, Secretary Date