



June 16, 2011

# MINUTES

## VALHALLA SCHOOL FOUNDATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Valhalla Lutheran Church 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

In attendance:

J. Kochendorfer      R. Battochio      A. Harpe

J. Moutray      M. Westad      D. Kochendorfer      S. Mumert      T. Fehr

Guests: Randy Clarke – Zone 5 Coordinator  
Terry Wendell-Director Zone 1  
Jan Ruhl –Zone 1 Liaison Coordinator

Meeting called to order 9:00 am at the Valhalla Lutheran Church by J. Kochendorfer with a quorum present.

❖ -Motion to approve the Agenda as read by J. Moutray AIF Carried

-Motion to approve May 26 2011 Regular Board Minutes as read, by T. Fehr. AIF. Carried.

- **Business Arising From Minute**

None at this time.

❖ **New Business**

- .1 R. Battochio reviews the “Accountability Pillar Overall Survey” for the Valhalla School Foundation. (See attached #1 “Accountability Pillar Overall Survey”). The results overall are excellent.

**Summary of “Accountability Pillar Overall Summary”**

Measure Category	Overall Measure
Safe and Caring Schools	Excellent
Student Learning Opportunities	Excellent
Student Learning Achievement PAT ACCEPTABLE PAT EXCELLENCE	Good Concern
Preparation for Lifelong Learning World of Work Citizenship	Excellent
Parental Control	Excellent
Parental Involvement	Excellent

- .2 **Building Addition Utilities Cost Update**  
 .2.1 VHS has indicated that they will be covering the costs of the new addition
- .3 **Fund Development/Committee Admin Roles Review**  
 .3.1 See Attached Document #2
- .4 **Alberta Education 3 Year Plan Template Review**  
 .4.1 Quick Review of new template.
- .5 **Charter Goals Community Survey Results Review**  
 .5.1 See Attached Review
- .6 **Action on Inclusion**  
 .6.1 See Attached Copy
- .7 **TAAPACS Professional Development Survey**

❖ **Reports**

- .1 Chairperson’s Report – J. Kochendorfer – See Attached
- Note \$5000.00 Donation from SEARIC for VCS kitchen appliances
- .2 Superintendent’s Report – See Attached. (#3)
- .3 Principal Report –See Attached
- Special Thanks to Bethany Banner Association for their generous donation of \$10,000.00, to put towards Field trips for the VCS.
- .4 Transportation Report- See Attached (#4)
- .5 Secretary Treasurer Report – See Attached. (#5)
- Balance Sheet for May 31, 2011
  - Balance Sheet (Estimates for Year End August 31, 2011)

- ❖ For the school year 2011-2012 the VSF Board meeting agenda will be created on Google Docs. As we are building agenda, it will be available online to the VSF Board as it is being compiled

## **Valhalla Community School – Valhalla School Foundation Charter Review**

Presented by Randy Clarke, Terry Wendell, and Jan Ruhl \*\*\*\* See Attached Report

- ❖ R. Clarke indicated satisfactory progress
- ❖ Very favorable position for renewal if VSF follows the strategic initiatives.
- ❖ Very positive features that are not reported but were acknowledged by auditors.

### **Commendations** - J. Ruhl

*“It was observed through the evaluation process that Valhalla Charter School has much strength. There are a number of areas of operation of the school that deserve special commendation:*

- ❖ *Valhalla Charter School parents indicate a high degree of satisfaction with all aspects of the school.*
- ❖ *A positive school climate is evident in student behavior and in staff interaction with students.*
- ❖ *The high level of commitment and effort demonstrated by the board, administration and staff in working to implement the features of the charter is noteworthy.*
- ❖ *Student time on task is observed to be high and effective.*
- ❖ *The VCS Council is active and supportive of the activities of the school.*
- ❖ *The staff and administration of VCS demonstrate positive working relationships.*
- ❖ *The continuing effort by VCS to foster positive relationships with neighboring schools and jurisdictions is paying dividends.*

### **Growth Recommendations: Terry Wendell**

- ❖ *Review timetable distribution*
- ❖ *Ensure Science and Math supports Junior High*
- ❖ *Consider having staff prepared presentation regarding direct instruction*
- ❖ *Develop a multi faceted communications plan for disseminating information about Valhalla Community School Charter school’s uniqueness and progress to: the local community, parents, partners, students, and wider area.*
- ❖ *Investigate using more social media ei. Twitter, Face book, and YouTube etc.*
- ❖ *Strengthen school council and staff engagement process with respect to budget development.*

### **Required Changes: Terry Wendell**

- ❖ *Develop a more extensive school wide assessment repertoire to ensure baseline and growth measures are regularly available to demonstrate student growth outcomes over time. It is important for Valhalla Charter School to demonstrate improved student learning outcomes over core curriculum areas.*

*Some suggestions might be:*

- *The addition of written language assessments (Highest Level of Achievement Tests HLATS) or Computer Adaptive Assessments (CAA) could complement assessment information provided by PATS and CTBS.*
  - *The use of enhanced repertoire of assessment instruments also should be matched by greater staff analysis of results to inform instructional planning for improving learning outcomes over the entire curriculum; and the analysis should be used to improve Board of Directors understanding.*
- ❖ *Ensure new or updated policies are in place to cover all regulated matters.*
  - ❖ *Make more explicit and measurable the school's education plan references to character development, citizenship and penmanship, as these elements are currently charter requirements.*

Any changes or edits to the report will be sent through R. Battocchio to R. Clarke.

Motion made to accept **"Draft Final Version Valhalla Community Charter School Evaluation"**, AIF. Carried.

The next meeting of the Valhalla School Foundation Board will be Friday, September 2, 2011, at 9:00

Motion to adjourn by A. Harpe at 11:55 am by AIF. Carried.

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J. Kochendorfer-Chair

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M. Westad- Secretary Treasurer