

August Regular Board Meeting - 2024 Minutes

Shanel Valley Academy

Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 5:30 PM PDT

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Attendance

Present:

Members: Leslie Barkley, Amy Frost, Noshie Merlin, Melea Meyer

Absent:

Members: Bessie Glossenger

I. Land Acknowledgment and Moment of Silence

Vision & Mission

Shanèl Valley Academy is a culturally responsive, community school where all students are valued and supported. SVA students will be prepared to lead and successfully participate in our rapidly changing multicultural society, they will contribute to the community with creative solutions and a resilient, culturally competent and collaborative mindset.

In Solidarity

We of this Academy, named after the Principal Local Indigenous Village of Shanél, acknowledge with honor the Shóqowa and Hopland People on whose traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands we work, educate and learn and whose historical and spiritual relationship with these lands continues to this day and beyond.

II. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:09pm

III. Roll Call

Attendance

Present:

Members: Leslie Barkley, Amy Frost, Melissa Kendall, Kristi McCullough, Noshie Merlin, Melea Meyer

Absent:

Members: Bessie Glossenger

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda adopted as written

Motion:

Motion to adopt the agenda as witten

Passed by roll call vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent: Frost: Aye; Meyer: Aye; Barkley: Aye; Merlin:Aye; Glossenger:Absent

V. Public Comment Regarding Closed Session Items

No public present, no public comment

VI. Closed Session

Entered into closed session at 6:35pm

A. Public Employee Employment: Performance Evaluation - Principal

Board presented Principal with performance review evaluation feedback closing out the process for the 23-24 school year.

B. Public Employee Employment: Performance Evaluation - Business Manager

Board presented Business Manager with performance review evaluation feedback closing out the process for the 23-24 school year.

VII. Introductory Items

Re-convened in open session at 8:00pm

A. Reconvene in Open Session

Reconvened with 2 members of the public present

B. Report Out from Closed Session

No action taken.

VIII. Public Comment & Announcements on Non Agenda Items

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda. Although the Board of Directors may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. Individual public comments are limited to 3 minutes. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a member of the public if comments or actions disrupt the Board meeting.

IX. School Updates & Community Announcements

No community announcements

A. Principal's Report

First week of school is off to a good start.

Preschool has opened offering half day care and has four students enrolled so far.

- The school year has started strong with positive activities and progress.
- Staff engaged in planning and preparation, including training for the Expanded Learning Program.
- Team building activities and a staff breakfast contributed to a positive atmosphere.
- The preschool and Expanded Learning Programs are running successfully.
- A Back to School event introduced staff and families, and teachers presented on various approaches.
- The Principal is coordinating the ELD program and working to identify areas needing additional support.

- Additional support includes in-person and online speech services, as well as a parent volunteer conducting social work training.

B. PAC / ELAC Report

Lots of new family interest at the back to school event.

Focus of the first meeting is the Walk-a-Thon, next will be destination Hopland event: going bigger and better for the kids this year. Working on dates to best align with Pumkinfest and timing of the End of year Gala event.

Thank you Katie Cooper for your leadership!

C. Community Updates & Announcements

No announcements currently

X. Financial Updates

We have 11 fewer students enrolled than we anticipated which puts us in a similar position as prior years. We had 155 students who had filled out the intent to enroll, so many that we had to do a lottery for Kindergarten. We thought we had made safe projections, but three families moving (11 students total) makes a big difference in our small community.

We discussed different strategies for increasing enrollment, transportation insurance etc.

A. Fiscal Updates from EdTec

EdTec is in the process of closing out our 23-24 budgets including the final closing out PCGSP grant and ASES and 21stCCLC expenditure reports.

Our September meeting will include a comprehensive report from EdTec.

XI. Discussion and Possibly Action - Immediate and Long Term Facility Improvements

Possible concerns include roof in the upper school and security system upgrades. Prior estimates are out of our price range currently, but we may have a donor who can help. Amy will reach out and we will look into to other potential financing options.

Other needs include: gutters, shade sail installation timeline, bees in the gutters.

The team is working to get the school ready for the winter.

XII. Consent Agenda

Consent agenda includes contract and parent handbook updates to reflect new policies related to Title IX, Independent Study Policies, updates to contracts with speech services, and approval of sign-on Bonus.

Pending further investigation we are pulling Board Policy #6












Motion:

Motion to approve the consent agenda excluding Policy #6, until further review.

Motion moved by Melea Meyer and motion seconded by Noshie Merlin. Passed by roll call vote: Passed by roll call vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent: Frost: Aye; Meyer: Aye; Barkley: Aye; Merlin:Aye; Glossenger:Absent

A. Review and Approval - Credentialed Teacher Signing Bonus

Recommend \$5,000 credentialed teacher signing bonus effective August 4th, 2024 until September 1st, 2024 to help recruit during staffing shortages. Total cost \$10,000

- B. Review and Approval - 24-25 Family/Student Handbook
Parent Handbook revisions include minor updates related to policy or plan changes.
 [24-25 SVA Parent Handbook.docx](#)
- C. Review and Approval - Contract for Speech Services Tinyeye
Speech services contract includes update to fees and services.
 [Shanel Valley Service Agreement - Monthly 2024 2025 \(1\).pdf](#)
 [Shanel Valley Overview \(3\).pdf](#)
- D. Review and Approval - Contract for Speech Services MCOE
Speech services contract includes minor updates.
 [Shanel Valley Academy SLP MOU \(1\).pdf](#)
- E. Review and Approval - Contract for Special Education Services MCOE
Speech services contract includes updates to polic and compliance related to nursing and psychological services for students.
 [MCOE 24-25.pdf](#)
 [PSYCH MOU MCOE 24-25 \(1\).pdf](#)
 [NURSE MOU MCOE 24-25 \(1\).pdf](#)
 [Shanel Valley Academy School Nurse MOU.pdf](#)
 [Shane Valley Academy School Psych MOU.pdf](#)
- F. Review and Approval - MOU with MCOE State Preschool Consortium
MOU with MCOE re-establishes our agreement with the MCOE preschool consortium to provide 16 spots for preschool age students aged 3 and up for the 24-25 school year. The agreement includes our commitment to attend regular meetings, trainings and events related to quality preschool programming
 [form18828430_formrequest53472062_pdf.pdf](#)
- G. Review and Approval - Amended Student Policy #11 - SECTION 504: POLICY, PROCEDURES, AND PARENT RIGHTS REGARDING IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION AND EDUCATION
 [SP11 Section 504 Policy Procedures and Parent Rights \(2\) \(1\).docx](#)
- H. Review and Approval - Amended Student Policy #2 - SUICIDE PREVENTION POLICY
 [2024 SP2 Suicide Prevention \(YMC edits\) \(4866-5894-1655.v2\).docx](#)
- I. Review and Approval - Amended Student Policy #6 - EDUCATION OF FOSTER AND MOBILE YOUTH
Pulled from agenda pending further investigation.

[!\[\]\(f4912148590488019602cab6e009e597_img.jpg\) 2024 SP6 Education of Foster and Mobile Youth Policy \(YMC edits\) \(4876-9722-8503.v2\).docx](#)

- J. Review and Approval - Amended Student Policy #5 - STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET POLICY

[!\[\]\(2e897e890e69d81eae4503a8342c36b0_img.jpg\) 2024 SP5 Internet Use Policy \(YMC edits\) \(4886-8832-9431.v2\).doc](#)

- K. Review and Approval - Amended Student Policy #12 - INDEPENDENT STUDY BOARD POLICY and MASTER AGREEMENT

[!\[\]\(e2376d476d06eb31946dc01a69a4403a_img.jpg\) SP12 Independent Study Policies \(YMC edits\) \(4891-6916-8599.v1\).docx](#)

XIII. Adjournment

meeting adjourned at 9:57pm