

March 13, 2019  
Agenda

1. **Call to Order** – 4:30p.m. *(J. Hanafee)*
2. **Roll Call** – 4:30 p.m.  
**Board Members:** John Hanafee, Chair, G’anna Burke, Jennifer Hoover, Jennifer Huetter, Heather Fraser Hurtt, Zachary Phillips, Tavia Pagan, Stephanie Parmely, Anna Rainville, Liz Sheppard.
3. **Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence** – 4:30 p.m. *(C. Buckley)*
4. **Public Comment** – 4:35 p.m.  
This portion of the meeting is set aside for members of the audience to make public comments or raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda or for those that are on the agenda in areas of Board jurisdiction. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and the total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.
5. **Approval of the Minutes** – 4:40 p.m. *(J. Hanafee)*  
Action: Shall the Board approve the *February 13, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes*?
6. **Second Interim (Orchard)** – 4:45 p.m. *(A. Barnes)*  
Action: Shall the board approve the second interim for Golden Valley Orchard School?
7. **Second Interim (River)** – 4:52 p.m. *(A. Barnes)*  
Action: Shall the board approve the second interim for Golden Valley River School?
8. **Second Interim (Tahoe)** – 4:59 p.m. *(A. Barnes)*  
Action: Shall the board approve the second interim for Golden Valley Tahoe School?
9. **Low Performing Students Block Grant (Orchard)** – 5:06 p.m. *(A. Barnes)*  
Action: Shall the board approve the Low Performing Students Block Grant Plan for Golden Valley Orchard School?
10. **Low Performing Students Block Grant (River)** – 5:11 p.m. *(A. Barnes)*  
Action: Shall the board approve the Low Performing Students Block Grant Plan for Golden Valley River School?
11. **Enrollment Age Ranges** – 5:15 p.m. *(L. Sheppard)*  
Action: Shall the Board direct the leadership and faculty to make recommendations to the Board for enrollment age ranges?
12. **Safety Plan (Orchard)** – 5:25 p.m. *(C. Buckley)*  
Action: Shall the board accept the Safety Plan for Golden Valley Orchard School?
13. **Safety Plan (River)** – 5:30 p.m. *(C. Buckley)*  
Action: Shall the board accept the Safety Plan for Golden Valley River School?

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14. **Safety Plan (Tahoe)** – 5:35 p.m. *(C. Buckley)*  
Action: Shall the board accept the Safety Plan for Golden Valley Tahoe School?
15. **River Charter** – 5:40 p.m. *(C. Buckley)*  
Action: Shall the board approve the River Charter?
16. **Student Behavior Policy** – 5:50 p.m. *(H. Fraser-Hurttt)*  
Action/Discussion: Shall the Board approve the Student Behavior Policy (fourth reading)?
17. **Visitor Policy** – 6:00 p.m. *(H. Fraser-Hurttt)*  
Discussion: The Board shall discuss the Student Behavior Policy (second reading)?
18. **Looping Policy** – 6:05 p.m. *(H. Fraser-Hurttt)*  
Discussion: The Board shall discuss the Looping Policy (first reading)?
19. **Reports** – 6:15 p.m.  
Information/Discussion  
Executive Director: The Executive Director will present items of interest to the board. *(C. Buckley)*  
Board Chair Report: The Board Chair will present items of interest to the board. *(J. Hanafee)*
20. **Recitation of the Motto of the Social Ethic** – 6:20 p.m.  
The healing social life is found  
When in the mirror of each human soul  
The whole community finds its reflection,  
And when, in the community,  
The virtue of each one is living.
21. **Adjournment of the meeting** – 6:21 p.m. *(J. Hanafee)*

**GVTS will be the teleconference location for board member Liz Sheppard.  
This location is open to the public.**

**Golden Valley Tahoe School  
908 Northstar Drive  
Truckee, CA 96161**

February 13, 2019  
Minutes

**The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.**

**Roll Call –**

**Board Members Present:** John Hanafee, Chair, Jennifer Hoover, Jennifer Huetter, Heather Fraser Hurtt, Zachary Phillips, Tavia Pagan, Stephanie Parmely, Anna Rainville, Liz Sheppard.

**Board Members Absent:** G’anna Burke, Jennifer Huetter.

**Guests:** Amala Easton, Caleb Buckley, Barbara Ames, Becky Page, Susan Gutierrez, Stephen Quadro.

**Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence –** Caleb Buckley read the Simplicity virtue card.

**Public Comment –** There were no public comments.

**Approval of the Minutes –**

The Board approved the *January 15, 201 Regular Meeting Minutes*. (Ayes: 8, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes –**

The Board approved the *January 30, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes*. (Ayes: 6, Noes: 0, Abstain: Stephanie Parmely and Jennifer Hoover)

**Appointment of Board Vice-Chair –**

The board appointed a Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees, Heather Fraser Hurtt. (Ayes: 8, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**River Charter –**

The board voted to approve the 2.13.2019 River Charter draft. (Ayes: 8, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**Revision of Bylaws –**

The board approved revisions to the bylaws. Though they would like to keep teachers on the board. (Ayes: 8, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**19/20 Calendar for River and Orchard –**

The board approve the 2019/2020 calendar for Orchard and River. (Ayes: 8, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**SARC –**

The board accepted the School Accountability Report Cards for Orchard, River, and Tahoe. (Ayes: 8, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

**Student Behavior Policy –**

The Board discussed the Student Behavior Policy (third reading).

**Visitor Policy –**

The Board discussed the Student Behavior Policy (second reading).



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Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
9601 Lake Natoma Drive, Room 5  
Orangevale, CA 95662

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**Reports –**

Information/Discussion

Executive Director: The Executive Director will present items of interest to the board.

Board Chair Report: The Board Chair will present items of interest to the board.

**Community Reports –**

Information/Discussion

CCSA Families

GVEF

FOTTW

**Recitation of the Motto of the Social Ethic –**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.**

**Tahoe School was a teleconference location for board member Liz Sheppard.  
This location is open to the public.**

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Respectfully Submitted by Amala Easton.

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John Hanafee, Chair

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Date



# GOLDEN VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOLS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT  
Submitted by Caleb Buckley, EdD

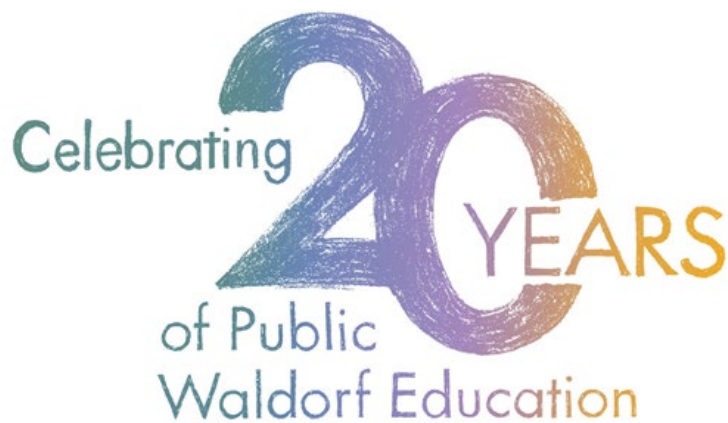
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*K-8 Tuition-Free Public Waldorf Schools*

## THE CHARTER MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Golden Valley Charter Schools played a large part in the success of the national Alliance for Public Waldorf Education conference in Sacramento last month. In addition to having three presenters, GVCS provided all of the administrative support for the conference and board meetings as well as the bookkeeping and registrations. With the closing of Meristem on the Rudolf Steiner College campus, there have been several requests to host conferences/trainings at GVCS. Our 20 teachers in the Building Bridges program have been meeting frequently and School of Education Dean Torin Finser will be here in April to discuss the second year of the training. Betty Staley just presented to the faculty last Thursday and to the parents that evening which was attended by 50 people.

The week of this board meeting is also the week of the CCSA conference in Sacramento and four Golden Valley administrators will be there. A focus of the central office in March is enrollment and hiring.



## GOLDEN VALLEY ORCHARD SCHOOL



Orchard school put their will forces to work to knit, crochet and sew 140 scarves for the Warm Scarves Project! Mrs. Ronningen will be delivering the scarves to the local Orangevale Food Bank and local churches. Thank you to all who participated in creating scarves to help keep others warm.

As part of the curriculum, 8th grade German students have been participating in the Western Region Step into German contest. The program, sponsored by the Goethe Institute, is comprised of German language middle and high school students responding to questions about the soccer world. Our 8th graders made it into the final competition which will take place in San Francisco in March. The winning team will win a trip to travel in Germany over Easter. Best of luck GVOS!

A group of sixth graders at Orchard are taking up a new project they have named “The Kindness Krew”. With the help of our school psychologist, Ms. Koulouris, the students are learning how to be leaders on the playground to help others when conflict arises, or a student is having difficulty with friends.

Orchard is happy to announce our new first grade teacher, Mrs. Wendi Zane. Mrs. Zane has been a parent at Golden Valley for six years and has been an integral part of our community from the start. She has held several positions at Orchard School leading her to be inspired to seek her teaching credential. She specifically is drawn to teaching the Sequoia class and has had a smooth transition from being their class assistant to teacher.

Orchard March Enrollment				
	18.19	17.18	16.17	15.16
TK	19	15	18	n/a
K	26	34	31	n/a
CBK	N/A	7	6	n/a
ABK	24	21	20	20
OBK	21	21	22	18
1	29	30	29	28
2	27	29	28	29
3	21	30	30	30
4	29	30	30	28
5	27	30	28	29
6	28	26	30	n/a
7	22	30	n/a	n/a
8	27	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	255	254	224	180

## GOLDEN VALLEY RIVER SCHOOL



River school has new picnic tables and benches thanks to hard-working, dedicated Eagle Scouts. Adam Pettingill made the benches in front of grades 7 and 8. They are sturdy and will last a lifetime. The upper grades wing is not only more beautiful, but it is more complete. Now middle school students have adequate seating under the eaves. Kevin Maughn made the picnic tables to replace those that were unsafe and falling apart. The new tables and benches were paid for by GVEF using funds left from eighth grade classes who have graduated. River faculty and staff participating in the Building Bridges training program spent February 19-23 as well as March 1-3 working, studying and supporting each other. They have only one more session to go during the school year. We feel fortunate to have training available to so many across all roles at River school (resource, assessment, specialties, grades, instructional assistants, educational support and Eagle's Nest). We acknowledge their dedication, loyalty and initiative.

River March Enrollment				
	18.19	17.18	16.17	15.16
TK	27	18	22	n/a
K	39	34	30	n/a
CBK	20	9	12	16
LBK	23	22	19	18
PBK	23	21	21	18
1 <sup>st</sup>	27	31	30	29
2 <sup>nd</sup>	28	30	29	30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	29	29	29	30
4 <sup>th</sup>	28	30	26	30
5 <sup>th</sup>	28	25	30	29
6 <sup>th</sup>	26	28	27	30/29
7 <sup>th</sup>	20	27	25/28	22/28
8 <sup>th</sup>	27	25/24	21/26	30
1 <sup>st</sup> HS	11			
2 <sup>nd</sup> HS	4			
3 <sup>rd</sup> HS	4			
4 <sup>th</sup> HS	2			
Total	300	301	323	339



## GOLDEN VALLEY TAHOE SCHOOL



We continue to grow in a one-by-one steady pace. It is slow but it is steady.

We are having a lot of sledding fun with such a large snow fall this year. However, we are also planning for how we approach the number of missed days of school due to the snow. We have been monitoring the actions being taken by TTUSD, the most local school district. The Mountain Lion Class Parents (grades 2-3) held a parent meeting using the techniques of Values Clarification. The topic explored covered the nine-year change and the use of media in the lives of the children. It was productive and effective and served to help all the parents bond around questions of parental decisions and actions to support their children's developmental and school needs. In addition, we conducted a World Café Process with all parents and have identified common markers for why these parents choose our school. We will be using our findings in upcoming outreach activities. Our parent ambassador group is becoming quite active.

T-K	Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Total
9	5	13	6	5	38



## ENROLLMENT

There are currently 593 students enrolled in Golden Valley Charter Schools. Open Enrollment ended on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The Open Enrollment lottery will be held at River school on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for all school lotteries. Families will be notified about the lottery results on the same day as the lottery. Returning Student Surveys have all been verified. Families who have indicated that their child will not be returning will be contacted. Registration will open on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

RIVER- Currently has 300 students enrolled. River will host one more PIM in May. Please check the website for the exact date. River received 185 applications during Open Enrollment.

ORCHARD- Currently has 255 students enrolled. Orchard will host one more PIM in May. Please check the website for the exact date. Orchard received 139 applications during Open Enrollment.

TAHOE- Currently has 38 students enrolled. Tahoe will be hosting PIM's regularly for the rest of the school year. Please check the website for exact dates. Tahoe received 12 applications during Open Enrollment.

## MARKETING &amp; COMMUNICATION

**Sacramento Parent Magazine** has a calendar guide called a sourcebook from Sacramento Parent Magazine out with a fullpage, color, Golden Valley Charter Schools ad and is on stands all year long.

**Moonshine Ink** is a local Truckee paper that is free to the public. The Tahoe School had an opportunity to have one of the reporters on school site visit and interview Caleb and Bonnie. They featured the Tahoe School in an article about the growing schools in the Truckee area. We also were placed in a school reference list in the February publication. As for an ad, we have a 1/5 color ad running in the February and March issue for the Tahoe school.

**Facebook/Instagram:** March-May Tahoe School PIM dates are running.

**Sacramento Parent Magazine Edfair** : Saturday, February 23 we set up a booth and interacted with many local families from the Rocklin/Roseville area. We had a wooden pendant craft for children and spoke to many parents about our curriculum. Many families had children with them as young as babes in arms to grade school children.

**Waldorf100** a fourth meeting for local charter, public, and private Waldorf representatives will meet in late March to convene more about celebrating and honoring the 100 year anniversary of Waldorf Education in our area. There are dates set to present music holiday Music in the Capitol Rotunda - Friday, Dec 13, 1:30 p.m.CONFIRMED and ~ Sunday, Dec. 15, 11:00 a.m.

## SPECIAL ED

**Special Education and Education Support** services/supports/interventions continue at all schools. This includes academic as well as social and behavior supports.

The training at San Juan Unified on Patterns of Strength and Weakness that the ES Director and School Psychologist were scheduled to attend was re-scheduled without notice – we are looking for another training in this area before next year. Resource Specialists from Orchard and River attended the California Association of Resource Specialists (CARS+) convention held this year in Sacramento, as well as attending training in Alternative Assessments for students with severe disabilities.

**Assessment:** Orchard and River

Green Benchmarks have been completed; debriefs with teachers are in progress. Jennifer and Stephanie made a successful presentation on Golden Valley's assessment process and utilization of Illuminate at the Alliance conference – as well as attending Building Bridges that week – and the weekend following. Thank you for your diligence and perseverance!

