

January 18, 2017
Agenda

1. **Call to Order** – 4:30p.m. *(J. Hanafee)*
2. **Roll Call** – 4:30 p.m.
Board Members: John Hanafee, Chair, Ally Jakubicka, Vice Chair, Jodi Begley, Secretary, Sarah Sullivan, Zachary Phillips, G’anna Burke, Joanne Ahola, Becky Page, Ryan Sutton.
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 *December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes*?
6. **Enrollment Policies** – 4:45 p.m. *(J. Hanafee)*
Action: Shall the Board approve enrollment priorities to begin in the 2017-2018 school year?
7. **Student Use of Technology Agreement** – 5:00 p.m. *(C. Buckley)*
Discussion: The Board will review the Student Use of Technology policy.
8. **Budget for 2016-17** – 5:30 p.m. *(C. Buckley)*
Discussion: The board will review the budget for the 2016-17 school year.
9. **Reports** – 6:00 p.m.
Information/Discussion
Executive Director: The Executive Director will present items of interest to the board. *(C. Buckley)*
Board Chair: The Board Chair will present items of interest to the board. *(J. Hanafee)*
10. **Community Reports** – 6:30 p.m.
Information/Discussion
GVEF
11. **Closed Session** – 6:40 p.m. *(C. Buckley)*
The Board will go into closed session to consider the principals’ annual employee evaluations, according to government code 54957.



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12. Recitation of the Motto of the Social Ethic – 7:15 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.

13. Adjournment of the meeting – 7:16 p.m.

(J. Hanafee)

December 14, 2016

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:34.

Roll Call

Board Members: John Hanafee, Chair, Ally Jakubicka, Vice Chair, Jodi Begley, Secretary, Sarah Sullivan, Zachary Phillips, Joanne Ahola, Becky Page

Guests: Amala Easton, Caleb Buckley, John Baker, Lynne Ashcraft, Ryan Gaska, Perry Knight, Nicole Grant

Board Members Absent: Ryan Sutton, G'anna Burke

Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence

Caleb Buckley read the Independence Virtue Card.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of the Minutes

The Board approved the *November 9, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes*. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

Grievance Policy

The board voted to approve the revisions to the grievance policy. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

Audit for 2015-16

The board voted to approve the final audit for 2015-2016. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

First Interim Budget for 2016-17

The board voted to approve the first interim budget for 2016-17. (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

2017-2018 Calendar

The board discussed the 2017-18 school year calendar. The calendar should read that there will be school on December 22; there will be 180 school days.

Reports – 6:00 p.m.

Information/Discussion

Executive Director: The Executive Director presented items of interest to the board. The CO is working on creating an Annual Report. This report should be ready for distribution in late January.

Finance Committee: Caleb Buckley presented items of interest to the board. Carol, Samantha, Lynne and Caleb will be meeting regularly to discuss internal financial process.

Board Chair: The Board Chair presented items of interest to the board. We had a successful board retreat. John thanked Amala, Caleb, and Lynne for their time in participating.



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Community Reports

CCSA Families will no longer provide a report.

Closed Session

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Recitation of the Motto of the Social Ethic

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Enrollment Priorities Alignment

RIVER CHARTER:

1. Students enrolled in the current Golden Valley Charter School of Sacramento.
2. Siblings of students currently enrolled in GVCS who are SJUSD residents.
3. Siblings of students currently enrolled in GVCS who are out-of-district residents.
4. Students who are children or grandchildren of full-time GVCS employees.
5. Students residing in SJUSD who are transferring from other schools inspired by Waldorf education and independent Waldorf schools and preschools (aka “playgroups”), to give these students the benefit of curricular continuity.
6. Students, not in the above categories, who are residents of the San Juan Unified School District.
7. Students residing out-of-district who are transferring from other schools inspired by Waldorf education and preschools (aka “playgroups”), to give these students the benefit of curricular continuity.
8. All other applicants.

Golden Valley Charter School of Sacramento

Charter Renewal Petition

ORCHARD CHARTER:

1. Students who are children or grandchildren of current GVCS and/or GVOS employees, not to exceed 10% of the student population.
2. Siblings of students currently attending GVCS.

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3. Students who have been attending other Waldorf or Waldorf-inspired schools or playgroups
 4. Students, not in the above categories, who are residents of the San Juan Unified School District
 5. All other applicants



STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY POLICY

DRAFT

The Board of Directors of Golden Valley Charter School (GVCS or Charter School), adopts this Student Use of Technology Policy and Acceptable Use Agreement.

New technologies are modifying the way in which information may be accessed, communicated and transferred. Those changes also alter instruction and student learning. GVCS offers students access to technologies that may include Internet access, electronic mail, and equipment, such as computers, tablets, or other multimedia hardware. GVCS intends that technological resources, including equipment, provided by the school be used in a safe, responsible, and proper manner in support of the instructional program and for the advancement of student learning.

Educational Purpose

Use of Charter School equipment and access to the Internet via Charter School equipment and resource networks is intended to serve and pursue educational goals and purposes. Student use of the Internet is therefore limited to only those activities that further or enhance the delivery of education. Students have a duty to use Charter School resources only in a manner specified in the Policy.

“Educational purpose” means classroom activities, research in academic subjects, career or professional development activities, Charter School approved personal research activities, or other purposes as defined by GVCS from time to time.

“Inappropriate use” means a use that is inconsistent with an educational purpose or that is in clear violation of this policy and the Acceptable Use Agreement.

Notice and Use

GVCS shall notify students and parents/guardians about authorized uses of school computers, user obligations and responsibilities, and consequences for unauthorized use and/or unlawful activities.

Before a student is authorized to use GVCS's technological resources, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall sign and return the Acceptable Use Agreement specifying user obligations and responsibilities. In that agreement, the student and his/her parent/guardian shall agree not to hold GVCS or any Charter School staff responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence. They shall also agree to indemnify and hold harmless GVCS and Charter School personnel for any damages or costs incurred.

Adopted/Ratified: **[DATE]**

Revision Date:



Safety

GVCS shall ensure that all Charter School computers with Internet access have a technology protection measure that blocks or filters Internet access to websites that have no educational purpose and/or contain visual depictions that are obscene, constitute child pornography, or that are harmful to minors. While GVCS is able exercise reasonable control over content created and purchased by GVCS, it has limited control over content accessed via the internet and no filtering system is 100% effective. Neither GVCS nor its staff shall be responsible for the failure of any technology protection measures, violations of copyright restrictions, or user mistakes or negligence.

To reinforce these measures, the Executive Director or designee shall implement rules and procedures designed to restrict students' access to harmful or inappropriate matter on the Internet and to ensure that students do not engage in unauthorized or unlawful online activities. Staff shall supervise students while they are using online services and may have teacher aides, and volunteers assist in this supervision.

The Executive Director or designee also shall establish regulations to address the safety and security of students and student information when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

GVCS through its Executive Director and/or teaching staff shall provide age-appropriate instruction regarding safe and appropriate behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, and other Internet services. Such instruction shall include, but not be limited to, maintaining the student's online reputation and ensuring their personal safety by keeping their personal information private, the dangers of posting personal information online, misrepresentation by online predators, how to report inappropriate or offensive content or threats, behaviors that constitute cyberbullying, and how to respond when subjected to cyberbullying. Students are expected to follow safe practices when using Charter School technology.

Students shall not use the Internet to perform any illegal act or to help others perform illegal acts. Illegal acts include, but are not limited to, any activities in violation of local, state, and federal law and/or accessing information designed to further criminal or dangerous activities. Such information includes, but is not limited to, information that if acted upon could cause damage, present a danger, or cause disruption to GVCS, other students, or the community. Damaging, debilitating or disabling computers, computer networks or systems through the intentional or overuse of electronic distribution or the spreading of computer viruses or other harmful programs shall be prohibited. Any unauthorized online access to other computers by means of hacking into other computers, downloading hacker tools such as port scanners and password crackers designed to evade restrictions shall also be strictly prohibited.

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Student use of Charter School computers to access social networking sites is not prohibited, but access is limited to educational purposes only. To the extent possible, the Director or designee shall block access to such sites on Charter School computers with Internet access.

The Director or designee shall oversee the maintenance of GVCS's technological resources and may establish guidelines and limits on their use.

All employees shall receive a copy of this policy and the accompanying Acceptable Use Agreement describing expectations for appropriate use of the system and shall also be provided with information about the role of staff in supervising student use of technological resources. All employees shall comply with this policy and the Acceptable Use Agreement, in addition to any separate policies governing employee use of technology.

Student use of school computers, networks, and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Compliance with GVCS's policies and rules concerning computer use is mandatory. Students who violate these policies and rules may have their computer privileges limited and may be subject to discipline, including but not limited to suspension or expulsion per school policy.

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GOLDEN VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOLS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
Submitted by Caleb Buckley, EdD

January 18, 2016

K-8 Tuition-Free Public Waldorf Schools

THE CHARTER MANAGEMENT OFFICE



The administrative pace has picked up since we are beginning to plan for next school year. The draft calendar has been put out to the faculty for feedback and the San Juan District calendar should be available in early February. Our technology team is working with the second benchmark tests and the addition of more chromebooks. On the agenda today is the new policy for computer use that parents would sign and return. 22 of the teachers are receiving new Dell Latitude laptops and their old chromebooks will become test machines.

CSMC is bringing a new consultant to the board to present the budget since Lynne Ashcraft has accepted a position at another charter school. We will finish the school year with having a consultant as the business manager and will formulate an agreement for next year based on our experience of how that is working this semester. In February, the administrative leadership will be preparing a review of the budget and make proposals for 2017-18. Topics will include the specialty program, employee benefits, and class size & enrollment process. The administration will be meeting with stakeholders to collect feedback on budget planning which will culminate in the community meeting on February 8 where the LCAP priorities will be discussed.

THE ORCHARD SCHOOL



Prior to the break, Orchard ended the 2016 journey with a wonderful Winter Faire, which included Bowls for Peace and the Children's Store. It was a pleasure to see parents bringing their soups and other treats to share with the community. At this moment, 7 of our teachers (Daniel Nordaas, Rhoda Cortez, Zachary Phillips, Laura Nordaas, Sarah Sullivan, Brianne Hidden and Linda Calfee) are going to another phase of Making Math Real on January 21 and 22. Principal John Baker is very proud of his hard working team for their willingness to attend math professional development so they can develop efficient lesson plans in order to better engage our students.


THE RIVER SCHOOL




The River School has returned from a restful winter break that was enjoyed with families, friends, and loved ones. As River begins the new year, theatre season is already in full swing with back to back plays through the end of the year. First on the schedule is Shakespeare's Twelfth Night presented by Michelle Smith's Cedar Tree Class. A Parent Enrichment evening is planned for February 1, with Allegra Alessandri, *Navigating Your Teens Development*. All four basketball teams have played their first games of the season. Games are held every Saturday at Sacramento Waldorf School.

ENROLLMENT

There are currently 548 students enrolled in our two schools. Open Enrollment is here! Open Enrollment will run from Jan. 11th- Feb. 28th. We will hold both school lotteries at River on March 8th. River and Orchard will host Parent Information Meetings alternating Wednesdays throughout open enrollment. Location and dates for these meetings can be found on our website under the enrollment tab. We are receiving a lot of interest for the 17-18 school year for both of our schools.

	ORCHARD SCHOOL ENROLLMENT as of the 1 st of the month									
	CBK	ABK	OBK	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	Total
	6	21	22	30	28	30	30	27	30	224
TK - 18	K - 31		30	28	30	30	28	30	224	

	RIVER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT as of the 1 st of the month													
	CBK	LBK	PBK	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	7 th	8 th	8 th	Total
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12	19	21	30	29	30	26	30	27	25	28	21	26	324	
TK - 22	K - 30		30	29	30	26	30	27	53		47		324	

MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

Golden Valley Charter Schools will have an Annual Report Booklet available at the board meeting. The Annual Report was distributed at the Alliance Conference during the MLK three day weekend. Physical copies will be mailed to each family towards the end of this month.

The Sacramento Parent Magazine Source Book is out this month and will remain on local, free, newsstands for this year. Our schools are listed in this publication along with an advertisement about Golden Valley Charter Schools. We will also place an Open Enrollment advertisement in the February edition of the Sacramento Parent Magazine listing our February PIM dates. A Facebook ad with Open Enrollment information is running now until the last PIM in February.

The Early Childhood Educators Tea Gathering will take place February 19 at the River School. We have invited 10 play-based and Waldorf-Inspired Preschools to attend.

Sunday, January 22 is the Folsom PreSchool Expo. We will have a table at this event, with activity, have our logo printed on tote bags, advertising on the Sierra Moms Webpage, and have enrollment postcards placed in 300 tote bags for attending families.

