



Board of Trustees Meeting * 08/19/2025 * 5:00 PM
Location: Venture High School - Venture Higher Conference Room
Minutes

- I. Call To Order - Sharmilla
 - A. Sharmilla, Mark, Michelle, Karl, Nissa, Christina, Roxanne and Steve were present. Sara and Andrea are absent.
- II. Welcome: Christel
- III. Approval of minutes
 - A. **Action:** Karl moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 10, 2025, Sharmilla seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- IV. Public Comment - none
- V. Monthly Enrollment Lottery - completed
- VI. Mission Statement & Vision/Training
- VII. Operations
 - A. Budget Review
 - 1. Steve said our budget is looking good for the 1st month of school.
- VIII. Reports
 - A. Director's Report
 - 1. Mark talked about the safety upgrades. We have entered into a contract for the upgraded PA system. They will be starting installation in the next couple of weeks.
 - 2. The state is still deciding on what needs to be done for door locks.
 - 3. We are exploring the option to add cameras in strategic locations inside and outside the buildings.
 - B. HS Principal Report
 - 1. Nissa said we have successfully started the school year, we currently have 355 students registered.
 - 2. New teachers have been onboarded and trained.
 - 3. Students have selected their fall intensives for October.
 - 4. Opening camp will be September 12th.
 - 5. We are doing the staff softball team again this year and we will be starting a 7th-9th grade boys and girls soccer teams this year.
 - C. K-8 Principal Report

1. Christina said BTSN went great. She also stated this has been the best first 5 days of school for the Academy.
2. One change they made for the new school year is that teachers will be standing in their doorways at the start of each day to welcome the students.

IX. Business

A. Action: Teacher and Student Success Plan

1. Mark went over this plan which is pretty similar to what it has been in previous years.
 - a) **Action:** Michelle moved to approve the Teacher and Student Success Plan, Christel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Early Learning Plan

1. Christina went over how we did with last year's plan.
 - a) We went from 62 to 74 percent of Kindergarteners staying at benchmark or going above.
 - b) Second grade went from 60 to 59 in fluency at or above benchmark. They were reading accurately but their speed went down.
2. This year's goals are to increase kinders number identification and increase 2nd grade math at or above benchmark.

C. Action: LEA-Specific

1. We asked the board to approve a 3-year LEA specific for Giuseppe Paucarpura
 - a) **Action:** Michelle moved to approve the LEA specific license, Karl seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

X. Policy

A. Action: Drug and Alcohol Free School & Workplace

1. Nissa went over the additions we needed to add to our policy to follow the requirements from the state.
 - a) **Action:** Michelle moved to approve the Drug and Alcohol Free School & Workplace Policy, Christel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XI. Public Comment - none

XII. Executive Session - none needed

XIII. Adjourn



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- A. **Action:** Michelle moved to adjourn the meeting, Christel seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

XIV. Next Meeting: September 16, 2025

*The Mission of Venture Academy is to **Inspire** the rising generation to reach the heights of their potential. **Ignite** their curiosity to venture into challenging new learning experiences, and through service, **Empower** them to be leaders who are committed to family and community...then they can **Achieve** their dreams and shape their world.*