

**VENTURA CHARTER SCHOOL
OF ARTS AND GLOBAL EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Date: February 8, 2008**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 8:15 a.m.

1. Roll Call: Rosie Ornelas Armstrong; Matt Cahn, Geoff Glick, Andy Gilman, Roni Adams**

2. Approval of Agenda: **Rosie moved to approve the agenda, Matt seconded, motion passes unanimously**

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

C. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/ACTION:

Middle School Trip: Karen Mercer outlined the proposed schedule for the middle school trip to Ashland, Oregon as well as the projected costs. There will be eight adults chaperoning 42 students; a ratio of 5:1 for the trip beginning on Monday, May 19th and ending Saturday, May 24th, 2008.

--Karen mentioned that the cost of the trip could be reduced by an overnight bus ride home Friday. She said she expected that the PTC would contribute about \$3200; that they expect to raise \$4800; and that the parents could contribute all but approximately \$6000 depending on chaperone and other costs.

--There was discussion about whether the parent chaperones' cost should be absorbed by the School or not. The consensus was that the School could pay for up to half of those costs. Karen would like the Director of Education to attend the trip as an additional chaperone. After some discussion, it was decided that this decision can be made by the staff, not the Board.

--There was discussion about the risks involved in the Class IV sections of the river rafting trip. Karen emphasized that the company provides a \$1 million dollar liability policy and that while there is some inherent risk, this type of outdoor activity is well regulated and enforces high safety guidelines. She felt the students could benefit from this highly engaging and physical outdoor experience.

--Mary mentioned that the School's insurance agent recommended the purchase of additional student travel accident insurance. And that the agent's initial response was based on the assumption that there would be no whitewater on the rafting trip.

--Andy mentioned that he spoke to Dave Cook prior to this meeting to discuss the School's budget. He suggested, and Andy agreed that the School could contribute up to \$7,000 to pay for the difference between monies raised and donated, and the cost of the trip.

--Andy mentioned that he would like to see that after the money is covered for families unable to contribute to the trip, he would like to see the per-student costs be reduced.

--Matt suggested that the Board could approve the trip in principle now and may have to revisit individual activities and schedules closer to the trip once more is known about factors affecting them.

Matt moved to approve the middle school end of the year trip to Ashland, Oregon in principle; seconded by Rosie; motion passes unanimously.

Roni moved that the Board contribute \$7000 from the general fund to the middle school trip; Geoff seconded; motion passes unanimously.

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D. FUTURE MEETINGS:

Date: **Thursday, February 21, 2008**
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: 2060 Cameron Street, Ventura, CA 93001
Purpose: Regular Meeting of the Board

E. ADJOURNMENT: 8:47 a.m.

*****Board member, Roni Adams attended the meeting remotely from the Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center Portland-Lloyd Center**

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