

**Governance Council**  
**Verona Area International School**  
Zoom

Monday, September 11, 2023  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

James Kokalj, Pres.  
Brandon Braithwaite,  
Secretary.  
Evan Henderson,  
Treasurer (on phone)

VAIS Staff  
Sally Parks, Director  
Yingying Reiter  
Sarah Shaw (not present)

Parent Representatives  
Patty Arifin (not  
present)  
Aaron  
Edwards-Miller  
Kelly Gibson  
Steve Kean  
Zachary Mordh

Also: Jennifer Tzeng  
Katie Bhandere

<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
1. Welcome (5 mins)	J. Kokalj
2. <a href="#">Approval of Minutes</a> (5 min) Motion by Brandon, 2nd by Aaron. Motion passes.	J. Kokalj
3. Elect Vice President (2 min) Motion by Brandon, 2nd by Aaron. Motion passes.	J. Kokalj
4. <a href="#">Directors Report</a> (35 min) <a href="#">See link</a> a. Successful Start to the School Year b. Professional Learning c. Cultural Events & Confucius Classroom d. Event Planning <a href="#">Thanks to Cissy Zhang, Jennifer Tzeng</a> e. Back to School Night f. Enrollment <a href="#">Presented Racial Demographics, and will continue to track</a>	S. Parks
5. <a href="#">Biliteracy Training</a> (15 min) <a href="#">See link</a> . <a href="#">Discussion surrounding quantitative STAMP assessments and correlating that to Mandarin in ACTFL, as well as qualitative assessments to assess social - emotional progress.</a>	Y. Reiter
6. Committee Reports Updates (20 min) a. Budget Committee i. <a href="#">VAIS_Budget 2023-24</a>	E. Henderson

No budget changes during August.

Directory has been sent out via email. Will post a reminder on Facebook and perhaps a follow-up email.

b. Fundraising Committee

J. Kokalj

Color run- this is a collaboration with the other Verona charter schools. The date is September 30th

Bucky books- going live this week with books going into backpacks

Mission statement went live to all parents today.

c. Outreach Committee

K. Gibson

9/17 is first meeting. A few interested family members. Kids Expo is 11/4, Kinder Info night is 1/11. In school Chinese New Year Showcase via VASD is 2/9 at the Performing Arts Center. Chinese New Year is tentatively 2/10 at the Verona Library. Application deadline is 2/15.

Add VAIS calendar "How To" to the Oct newsletter.

d. Parent Engagement

J. Kokalj

Aug/Sept Recap

Back to School Events

Popsicles in the Park - Thank you Kelly!

Chalk the walk at Supply Drop Off - thank you Diana KB, Patty and Jenn

First Day of School welcome to kids - Thank you Kelly and Paige!

Welcome back snacks for teachers - collab with NCS

Volunteer Recruitment

Booth at supply drop off - thanks Joanne and Jenn

Recruitment for all committees in Sept newsletter - Thanks Kelly and Jenn!

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Recruitment

Booth at back to school night, Sept 21 - Jenn and Kelly

If you know anyone who is interested, please have them contact me!

Volunteer background check form

Parent Social/PE kick off event in Sept/Oct

Homecoming Parade - October 13 from 4:15-5:15 p.m

Fall Conference - Food for parents - Oct 12?

Family Halloween Social - Oct 28

7. Other Business (*5 min*)

J. Kokalj

Future agenda standing item - Site Based Leadership Team (SBLT), early in the agenda to update GC on their ongoing work.

8. Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:10pm.