

August 17, 2022

Annual Meeting Minutes

1. **The board Vice Chair Jennifer Huetter called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call –**  
**Board Members:** Jennifer Huetter, Katie Gerski-Keller, Ekaterina Khmelniker, Megan Mardones, Stephen Quadro; Adam Errington and Meredith Willsen were appointed to the board at item 6.  
**Guests:** AJ Lacoste, Heather Peery, Amala Easton, Caleb Buckley, Stephanie Lorenz, Ryan Sutton, Jennifer Hoover, Katie Alanis, Becky Page (Orchard), Adam Errington, Meredith Willsen.
3. **Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence –** Caleb Buckley read the Tact Virtue Card.
4. **Public Comment –**  
There were no public comments
5. **Consent Agenda –**  
5.1 It was moved by Ms. Khmelniker and seconded by Ms. Mardones that the board approve the June 8, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

*MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)*

- 5.2 It was moved by Mr. Quadro and seconded Ms. Gerski-Keller that the board approve the August 9, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes with an amendment to read as follows:

*It was moved by Mr. Quadro and seconded by Ms. Khmelniker that the board approve an additional step increase for all returning admin and classified staff. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)*

*This item was reopened to clarify when the step increase would take effect.*

*It was moved by Mr. Quadro and seconded by Ms. Khmelniker that the board approve an additional step increase for all returning admin and classified staff effective July 2022. MOTION APPROVED (Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)*

*MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)*

- 5.3 It was moved by Ms. Khmelniker and seconded by Ms. Gerski-Keller that the board approve the Covid 19 Safety Plan.

*MOTION APPROVED (Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, M. Mardones)*

6. **Appointment of New Members to the Board –**  
Shall the board appoint new members to the Board of Trustees?

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It was moved by Ms. Gerski-Keller and seconded by Mr. Quadro that the board appoint Meredith Willsen to the board.

*MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)*

It was moved by Ms. Khmelniker and seconded by Ms. Gerski-Keller that the board appoint Adam Errington to the board.

*MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (Ayes: 6, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)*

**7. Election of Officers to the Board –**

Shall the board elect officers to the Board of Trustees for the 2022/2023 school year?

**7.1 Chair -**

It was moved by Mr. Quadro and seconded by Ms. Willsen that the board elect Jennifer Huetter as Chair to the Board of Trustees.

*MOTION APPROVED (Ayes: 6, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, J. Huetter)*

**7.2 Vice-Chair –** No Vice Chair was elected.

**7.3 Secretary –** No Secretary was elected.

**8. Formation of Board Committees –**

Shall the board form committees and appoint members for 2022/2023?

**8.1 Finance Committee –** It was moved by Ms. Gerski-Keller and seconded by Ms. Khmelniker that the board form a Finance Committee with the following members: Adam Errington, Stephen Quadro.

*MOTION APPROVED (Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 2, A. Errington, S. Quadro)*

**8.2 Covid19 Safety Committee –**

It was moved by Mr. Quadro and seconded by Ms. Gerski-Keller that the board form a Covid19 Safety Committee with the following members: Ekaterina Khmelniker, Megan Mardones, Meredith Willsen.

*MOTION APPROVED (Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 3, Ms. Khmelniker, Ms. Mardones, Ms. Willsen)*

**8.3 ED Review Committee –**

It was moved by Ms. Khmelniker and seconded M. Mardones that the board form an Executive Director Review Committee with the following members: Jennifer Huetter, Stephen Quadro, Katie Gerski-Keller.

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*MOTION APPROVED (Ayes: 4, Noes: 0, Abstain: 3, Ms. Huetter, Ms. Gerski-Keller, Mr. Quadro)*

**8.4 Policy Committee – TABLED**

**9. Financial Report –**

Discussion: The business manager presented information regarding the 2022/23 budget to the board.

**10. 2022-2023 Golden Valley Orchard Con App –**

It was moved by Mr. Quadro and seconded by Mr. Errington that the board approve the 2022-2023 Con-App for Golden Valley Orchard.

*MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)*

**11. 2022-2023 Golden Valley River Con App –**

It was moved by Ms. Mardones and seconded by Mr. Quadro that the board approve the 2022-2023 Con-App for Golden Valley River.

*MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (Ayes: 7, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)*

**12. Faculty Reports –**

Faculty Chair Report, Orchard: The Faculty Chair, Heather Peery, presented items of interest to the board.

Faculty Chair Report, River: The Faculty Chair, AJ Lacoste, presented items of interest to the board.

**13. Board Retreat Agenda Items –**

The board discussed potential agenda items for their annual board retreat.  
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Susan Lefkowitz will review the Brown Act and demo the Charter Vision software  
EC and Policy Committee  
Roles and responsibilities of BOT  
Roberts Rules and Procedures  
Review of the large program changes  
Strategic Plan  
Recap of the Tahoe School

**14. Reports –**

**14.1 Executive Director Report:** The Executive Director presented items of interest to the board.

**14.2 Board Chair Report:** The Board of Trustees Chair presented items of interest to the board.

**15. The board recited the Motto of the Social Ethic –**

**16. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.**



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Orangevale, CA 95662

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*Respectfully submitted by Amala Easton.*

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Jennifer Huetter, Chair

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Date

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**Adam Errington**

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6th June 2022

**Board Of Trustees**

Golden Valley Charter Schools  
1000 River Rock Drive, Ste 220,  
Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Golden Valley Charter Schools Board of Trustees,

This letter to the board is my formal letter of intent and interest in applying for the open board member position. Golden Valley has a special place in my heart. I am a father and step father to 4 students [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Before joining the school, the education we had been experiencing was not ideal. Something was missing, but I couldn't put my finger on it. GV revived the love of learning within my kids. They are thriving in this strategically cultivated Waldorf community. As a result, I feel a calling to serve. Joining the board would not be something I would take lightly. Education is at a critical fork in the road. I want to be a part of a community dedicated to maintaining and growing this cherished environment.

I meet the minimum requirements to apply. I've been religious attending board meetings this and last year since my children started with GVCS as I've felt for a while I would want to serve our community as a board member. I attended and commented at the following meetings this school year: Jan 12, Oct 13, Aug 5. I also listened in and didn't comment during the following meetings this school year: Dec 8, Nov 10, Aug 25 and the most recent meetings on March 9th, April 6th and May 11th. I fully support the Charters and the leadership of the schools and feel that I would meet the responsibilities and duties of a Trustee. I am not an employee of GVCS or a family member of an employee of the organization. I currently volunteer in my childrens' classes in any way I can. Not only do I meet the requirements, but I am much more than that. I would be an asset to the team. I understand and am committed to the Duty of Care, Loyalty and Obedience and Duties of a Trustee. I have been a manager for the last 15 years at my current employment. I have received many awards for excellence and work with a diverse group. I feel like my employees hold me in

high regard because of my ability to remain objective, confidential and fair. Before that, I aided dozens of clients by supervising and staying within their budgets for multi-million dollar projects. During these fiscally challenging times, my ability to understand, manage, and balance complex budgets are a valuable contribution.

My professional experience and talents are not limited to management alone. I was a teacher and pastor for over two and a half years in Russia. I taught English as a foreign language to students of all ages. I have a passion to serve. I would love to be of service to our community. I also studied business and pre-med in college.

I am a worthy prospective applicant not only because of my combined education and management experience but because I have stock in my children's education. Children are ultimately the main focus. I want to help foster the Waldorf values and create a shared vision of work and learning. We must maintain the standards that our Waldorf community has come to rely on and objectively seek solutions to the challenges placed before the board as they arise. I have a flexible schedule and can volunteer during the day and the weekend. Please feel free to reach out via email or phone should you have more questions.

Thanks for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Adam Errington

Golden Valley Charter Schools Board of Trustees  
1000 River Rock Drive, Suite 200  
Folsom CA, 95630

Dear Members of the Board,

Waldorf education has always been an important part of my life, both as a Waldorf student from second through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, then as a teacher at [REDACTED] for children with special needs, and now as a parent. I currently have two children enrolled at [REDACTED], and I would love the opportunity to engage with, and support, Golden Valley through work on the Board. Our family moved [REDACTED] with the intention of joining and being engaged members of the Golden Valley community, which included attending festivals before our children were even old enough for TK. We love the student and staff diversity that Waldorf charter schools foster, and wanted to provide this rich learning environment to our children.

While COVID put a wrench in some of our plans, but my husband and I have both volunteered our time in the ways that we have been able. While he is more suited to volunteering in the classroom and chaperoning walks, I have assisted in more behind the scenes roles in assisting with running festivals (pre-covid), bringing in food for teachers, donating supplies and otherwise supporting the school. I see a membership on the Board as another way in which I can be of service of this community.

My professional training and experience have also prepared me to offer valuable insights to the Board. I have been a licensed attorney for seven years, and currently work as a health care attorney at a boutique Sacramento law firm. While I would, of course, not serve as legal counsel to the Board, I believe that my training and experience have prepared me to both understand legal documents, identify important points, strategize, and anticipate potential liability and complications.

I have attended the Board meetings occurring on the following dates: 3/9/22, 4/6/22, 5/11/22, 5/25/22. I have reviewed the required materials and will meet with and discuss my candidacy with Jennifer Huetter. I believe that my strengths and experience make me a good fit for the Golden Valley Board, and I hope to have this chance to engage with and support the Golden Valley community.

Sincerely,

Meredith Willsen