



Golden Valley Charter Schools  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
9601 Lake Natoma Drive  
Orangevale, CA 95662

November 13, 2024

### **Board Meeting Access Information**

**Date:** Wednesday, November 13, 2024  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m.  
**Primary Location:** **Golden Valley River School, Room 5, 9601 Lake Natoma Dr, Orangevale, CA 95662**

**Remote Location:** Golden Valley Orchard, Room 9, 6550 Filbert Ave, Orangevale, CA 95662

**Zoom Link:** **Topic: BOT 2024.11.13**  
**Time: Nov 13, 2024 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

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November 13, 2024  
Regular Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order** – 5:00p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*
2. **Roll Call** – 5:00 p.m.  
**Board Members:** Katie Gerski-Keller, Adam Errington, Ekaterina Khmelniker, Stephen Quadro, Meredith Willsen.
3. **Board Member Exigencies and Remote Attendance** – 5:01 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*  
**Action:** Shall the board approve any board members to participate in this board meeting from a remote location due to unexpected emergencies per AB 2449?  
**Information:** Members must publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and if so, the general nature of the member’s relationship with any such individuals; and ensure their meeting participation using both visual and audio technology.
4. **Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence** – 5:05 p.m. *(C. Buckley)*
5. **Public Comment** – 5:06 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.
6. **Consent Agenda**– 5:26 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*  
All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless a member of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda. If items are pulled for discussion, a separate vote will occur on the item(s). The Executive Director recommends approval of all Consent Agenda items.  
**Action:** Shall the Board approve the following items by consent?  
6.1 ***Shall the board approve the October 9, Regular Meeting Minutes?***  
6.2 ***Shall the board approve the 2025/2026 Calendar?***
7. **Status of the 24/25 Budget for Golden Valley Orchard (GVOS)** – 5:30 p.m. *(S. Lefkowitz)*  
**Discussion:** The board will discuss the status of the 2024/2025 Golden Valley Orchard School budget.
8. **Status of the 24/25 Budget for Golden Valley River (GVRS)** – 5:40 p.m. *(S. Lefkowitz)*  
**Discussion:** The board will discuss the status of the 2024/2025 Golden Valley River School budget.
9. **Returning Employee Bonus** – 5:50 *(C. Buckley)*  
**Action:** Shall the board approve a one-time returning employee bonus of 1.5% of total earnings



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from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 for individuals who earned above \$4,000 and are employed at GVCS as of November 13, 2024, to be funded by budgeted positions that have been vacant for the Fall semester?

10. **Golden Valley Educational Foundation 24/25 Budget** – 6:05 p.m. *(D. Cragun)*  
Action/Discussion: Shall the board approve the 2024/2025 budget for Golden Valley Education Foundation?
  
11. **Faculty Reports** – 6:15 p.m.  
Faculty Chair Report, Orchard: Orchard Faculty Chair, Jennifer Evans, will present items of interest to the board. *(J. Evans)*  
Faculty Chair Report, River: River Faculty Chair, Tavia Pagan, will present items of interest to the board.
  
12. **Executive Reports** – 6:30 p.m.  
Board Chair Report: Board of Trustees Chair, Katie Gerski-Keller, will present items of interest to the board.  
Executive Director Report: Executive Director, Caleb Buckley, will present items of interest to the board.
  
13. **Recitation of the Motto of the Social Ethic** – 6:50 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.
  
14. **Adjournment of the meeting** – 6:51 p.m. *(K. Gerski-Keller)*

October 9, 2024

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. **Vice Chair Meredith Willsen called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call –**  
**Board Members:** Adam Errington, Ekaterina Khmelniker, Meredith Willsen.  
**Board Members Absent:** Katie Gerski-Keller, Stephen Quadro.  
**Guests:** Tavia Paga, Upekkha Evans, Caleb Buckley, Amala Easton, Stephanie Lorenz, Susan Lefkowitz, Ryan Sutton, Jennifer Hoover, Stephanie Lorenz, Jeff Westbrook, Sarah Chase, Darryl Cragun, Jennifer Pratt.
3. **Board Member Exigencies and Remote Attendance –**  
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TABLED/NO VOTE
4. **Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence –** Executive Director Caleb Buckley read the Orderliness virtue card.
5. **Public Comment –**  
  
There were no public comments at River, Orchard, or the Zoom platform.
6. **Consent Agenda–**  
It was moved by Adam Errington and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that the Board approve the following items by consent.  
  - 6.1 ***The board approved the September 11, Regular Meeting Minutes.***
7. **Status of the 24/25 Budget for Golden Valley Orchard (GVOS) –**  
The board discussed the status of the 2024/2025 Golden Valley Orchard School budget.
8. **Status of the 24/25 Budget for Golden Valley River (GVRs) –**  
The board discussed the status of the 2024/2025 Golden Valley River School budget. Susan Lefkowitz presented an overview of school funding for the board.
9. **CAASPP Review for Golden Valley Orchard (GVOS) –**  
The board received a report on the 2023/2024 CAASPP for Golden Valley Orchard School.
10. **CAASPP Review for Golden Valley River (GVRs) –**  
The board received a report on the 2023/2024 CAASPP for Golden Valley River School.

October 9, 2024

**11. Golden Valley Educational Foundation 24/25 Budget –**

Action/Discussion: GVEF President Darryl Cragun presented the board with the 2024/2025 planning budget. Shall the board approve the 2024/2025 budget for Golden Valley Education Foundation?

**12. Suspension and Expulsion Policy (Revised) –**

It was moved by Adam Errington and seconded Meredith Willson that the board approve a revised Suspension and Expulsion Policy.

**(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)**

**13. Enrollment and Facility Needs –**

The board discussed long range plans for the growth of enrollment and facility needs.

**14. Faculty Reports –**

Faculty Chair Report, Orchard: Orchard Faculty Chair, Jennifer Evans, presented items of interest to the board.

Faculty Chair Report, River: River Faculty Chair, Tavia Pagan, presented items of interest to the board.

**15. Executive Reports –**

Board Chair Report: Board of Trustees Vice-Chair, Meredith Willson, presented items of interest to the board.

Executive Director Report: Executive Director, Caleb Buckley, presented items of interest to the board.

**16. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation–**

Action/Discussion: The board went into closed session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): 1 case.

NO ACTION TAKEN

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

**18. Vice Chair Meredith Willson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted by Amala Easton.*

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Vice Chair, Meredith Willson

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**Days of Note**

- August 5 – River Registration
- August 7 – Orchard Registration
- August 14 – First Day of School
- November 17-21 – Conference Days (min)
- March 24-26 – Conference Days (min)
- May 28 – Last Day of School

**Minimum Days**

- All Thursdays
- November 17-21
- March 24-26
- May 28

Instructional Days: 175  
 Minimum Days: 43  
 Regular Days: 132

**Bell Schedule**

- Kindergarten: 8:15-11:45
- Grades 1-2 – 8:15-2:40
- Grades 3-8 – 8:15-3:10
- \*\* Recess – 10:15-10:45
- \*\* Lunch – 12:25-1:15
- Minimum Days – 8:15-12:45
- \*\* Recess – 10:15-10:45





## Proposed GVEF Budget, 2024-2025 school year

### **Foundation (GVEF) Accounts**

Flush with summer fireworks revenue, GVEF started the 2024-2025 school year with \$39,218.78 in our main account. After \$5,315 in CA sales tax was paid, we made our Q3 payment to GVCS in the amount of 32,208.59. Our current account stands at \$1,259.48 as of 10/8/2024.

**Note:** we hold a Commercial (non-profit) PayPal Account which acts as a holding repository for all online transactions for our managed events. Fees are 1.9% per transaction with no account fees. At the start of this school year, after transferring fireworks funds to our main bank account, there was a balance of \$28.42. After the recent fall GVR Parent Gathering event, where we sold T-shirts, the balance rose to \$602.37. It is currently connected to our Pledgestar account and collecting donations for Eagle Chase participants.

### **Parent Circle (PC) Accounts & Budget**

Last school year, PC allocated \$5,000 per campus to cover all operating expenses; they used just \$5,000 of that budget. This year they are allocating the same 5K budget per campus. For the 2024-2025 school year, \$19,700 was their starting account balance.

**Note:** *PC currently holds & manages a bank account with Schools Federal Credit Union, which is separate from the main GVEF account, currently with Five Star Bank.*

10K budgeted (*5K per campus*) for the 2024-2025 school year. This budget covers all expenses to operate teacher appreciation efforts, parent/community gatherings, etc. This includes GVCS Festival/event expenses, as noted below:

- \$3000 budgeted by PC for all 4 festivals on both campuses, or \$750 per festival.
- \$ 300 budgeted by PC for the Winter Gathering “Bowls for Peace”, their joint-school event.





**GVEF Fundraisers & Events Overview**

Planned GVEF Fundraisers for this 2024-2025 school year shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Annual Giving Campaign	Fall-Winter 2024	GVCS event w/ GVEF supporting role
Eagle Chase jog-a-thon	October 24-25th 2024	
GVCS Auction Gala Event	March 8th 2025	GVCS event w/ GVEF supporting role
Mini-Golf Tournament	Winter 2025	<i>tentative; not scheduled</i>
Raize Craze	Spring 2025	<i>tentative; not scheduled</i>
Fireworks Booth(s)	June 28 - July 4th 2025	
Festival of Light	November 2nd 2024	GVR FESTIVAL — PC supported event
Winter Gathering	December 14th 2024	PC event; funds support Class Trip Accounts
Journey Around the World	February 1st 2025	GVO FESTIVAL — PC supported event
May Day Festivals	April 27th + May 4th 2025	GVCS FESTIVALS — PC supported events

**GVEF Fundraiser & Event Budgets for the 2024-2025 School Year**

**1) Annual Giving Campaign**

— GVEF lends support to the Central Office staff as needed, for event promotions and community outreach. Since the school has taken over this major fundraiser in 2020, direct GVEF support efforts have not required an appreciable monetary expense to date. This year, the CO has requested that GVEF purchase incentive gift cards for faculty to spur class participation; the CO rolls out this incentive program at their discretion.

[Please Note: *Aside from these minor expense items, this report will not address the 2024-2025 AGC budget, as this is a GVCS-administered fundraiser.*]

Expenses: Gift Cards = \$10 or \$20 value; qty TBD (*for example, \$20 x 8 qty or \$160 per campus*)

Estimated up-front hard costs for GVEF = \$320

**2) Eagle Chase**

— as reported to the BOT at last month’s meeting, this 2023 event incurred about 10K in expenses and about 1K in pre-event costs (revised) for print & promotional items. All other expenses — such as prizes & apparel — are realized at the close-of-event, and paid for with event funds raised. For 2024, we are seeking to reduce our overhead by 20-30% through wholesale apparel purchases, new prize offerings with a 10:1 ROI (*or greater*) and a generous in-kind donation from a River family for select, prize printing services. 2023 event summary >> <https://bit.ly/3XXI7pD>

Expenses: Donor Envelopes = \$700. Raffle Gift Cards = \$500. Banners = \$0 (reuse prior items). Misc Items = \$300. Anticipated total overhead = 12K-15K. Projected Gross = 60K. **Projected Net = 45K-48K**



## GVEF Fundraiser & Event Budgets for the 2024-2025 School Year (cont)

### 3) GVCS Auction Gala Event

— For 2023, GVEF provided limited print, marketing & social media support for this school event, as well as day-of logistics for ticketing, onsite auction sales, online auction management and the like. In addition, we paid the deposits for catering, venue, etc. as needed and/or requested. Most of these fees were paid through event ticket sales.

For this school year's 25th anniversary event, it is anticipated that GVEF will serve in these same capacities. More budget details on this year's event can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3NkZrPu>

Estimated up-front hard costs = 24K (*rent, print promo, decor, services, catering, etc.*)

Anticipated total overhead = 36K. Projected Gross = 55K. **Projected Net = 19K**

### 4) Mini-Golf Tournament

— This fundraiser was outlined and shared with the BOT at last month's meeting. It has since been postponed until a viable date can be identified in the school calendar. For an event overview and profit projections, please review this document >> <https://bit.ly/3zlvllT> . If a date is found for this event, the following budget shall apply:

Expenses: Day-of Refreshments = \$200. Promo Banners = \$200. Class Rewards = \$600 (\$150 x 4 qty).

Anticipated total overhead = \$2,000. Projected Gross = 10K. **Projected Net = 8K**

### 5) Raise Craze

— This fundraiser was piloted in the Spring of 2022 with the two 8th grade classes to great success. The results were shared with the GVCS Fundraising Committee in October 2022. With only 5% program fees and the highest profit yield of any fundraising program we've implemented to date, it has the potential to match or exceed the gains from our venerable Eagle Chase. For an overview of this event >> <https://bit.ly/3Y0fffd> . Alas, it has not found a spot on the school calendar since its 2022 inception. If a date is found for this event during the 2024-2025 school year, the following budget shall apply:

Expenses: Promo Banners = \$300. Class Rewards = \$900 (\$150 x 6 qty).

Anticipated total overhead = \$6,000. Projected Gross = 42K. **Projected Net = 36K**

### 6) Fireworks Booth(s)

— In 2024, this fundraiser experienced a reset to pre-pandemic gains and we should expect this moving forward. We saw this too in 2023, but the impact was blunted since we maintained two locations. GVEF is devising strategies so that we can expand to at least two booths for the summer of 2025. Up-front costs are negligible — petty cash drawers, some water & refreshments for volunteers, batteries for lights, etc. — but we should consider new banners, especially if we add a second location. 2024 event data can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3M07BMB>

Expenses: Promo Banners = \$300. Petty Cash = \$300 per location. Refreshments = \$200. Misc supplies = \$100.

Anticipated total overhead = 50.5K. Projected Gross = 78K. **Projected Net = 27.5K (per booth location)**

## River School Board Report, November

By Tavia Pagan, Faculty Chair

The River School's Festival of Light was held on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> on a cool and clear day. It was well attended by families from both the River and Orchard schools and folks seemed to enjoy themselves. We once again struggled to find enough parents willing to volunteer their time to take a shift at the activity stations, so our usual small band of volunteers kept working to keep activities open and then weren't able to enjoy the festival themselves. This theme of parent engagement in our school is something we are exploring as a faculty. How do we recreate the culture of community and togetherness that was a fixture on our campus pre-COVID? We will continue these conversations in faculty meetings and simplify offerings of festivals, etc. to make them joyful and reverent for everyone involved, taking into account the level of parent volunteerism and the bandwidth of teachers.

Specialty teachers are once again supporting class teachers during parent conference week, by offering their time to allow teachers to have a break on conference days that they do not have a prep period. This will provide a much-needed moment of rest on a very long day. Parents are also supporting teachers during conference week by providing lunch each day. Yahoo! This simple gesture is so helpful and greatly appreciated by all of us. Thank you!

Upekkha Evans  
Orchard Faculty Delegate  
November, 2024

The faculty at Orchard survived Halloween and are preparing for parent/teacher conferences 11-18 to 11-22. There is much to do and we are all feeling the changes with the autumn weather. As the air cools and the breezes cool the days, the children respond with excitement, vigor, and a bit of unrest. So many of us are checking in to see how everyone is doing either during our collaboration or one on one. It is such a good feeling to know that we can turn to each other for support and understanding of our work and goals.

As we move closer to Thanksgiving, I am asking the children to reflect upon and express what they are grateful for and what they like about themselves or others. I borrowed this idea from the great Jessie.

The lower grades are getting ready to see this year's performance by Fratellos Marionettes. They are so good at their craft and all the lower grades classes are super excited to see this year's show.

In Boabab Tree we are in the middle of our first of two Zoology blocks learning about the similarities and differences between the minerals, plants, animals and humans within the animal kingdom. Students are so eager to explore how the animals reflect certain elements from the environments in which they live. When drawing a seal we can see their form take shape from the waves of the ocean and how a bird's hollow wings represent the lightness of air.

Third grade, Madrona Tree is going on their first field trip of the year to Soil Born Farms. They are performing at Friday gathering and then they are off to Soil Born Farms. Talk about commitment. The Madrona Tree Berries are very excited because they have been wanting to sing rounds for a long time! Third grade also shared using the lulav (a real one) at their Sukkah for Sukkot with fourth grade. It was a great experience to see all the lulav pieces and smell the etrog. What I thought my fourth graders would not be interested in turned out to be quite the opposite.



November 2024

The mornings are getting crisp, leaves are beginning to fall, and the classes are settling into their rhythms for the year. Light in the darkness was celebrated at the Festival of Lights, lantern walks are scheduled for the week ahead, and our community continues to focus on preserving our light as we head into the darker days of fall and winter. As the busy and event-filled days of autumn continue into the holidays, we again emphasize the importance of attendance. As a charter school we are funded based on attendance, and ensuring attendance is the easiest and most powerful way families can financially support our schools.

We are now looking forward to the community events to come—lantern walks, parent-teacher conferences, childrens’ stores, and more to come. These events remind us of the creativity, generosity, and inspiration that is found within ourselves and our community.

The Board held a retreat last week to discuss rechartering at Orchard, facilities planning, and other goals for our community. Some of these topics were discussed last month, stay tuned for these items to appear on Board Agendas and to be discussed in our meetings over the next few months.

We are pleased there has been a renewed interest in Board Service from the community. As part of our ongoing efforts to recruit a robust Board of highly qualified candidates, the Board will continue to reach out to the community for those who would be well-equipped for Board service. As the process for qualification and preparation for Board service can take many months, it is important that the Board continue to recruit and network, bringing new members into this process throughout the year. For training, support, and organization purposes, most new members are brought on at the beginning of the school year, in August. If you or someone you know are interested in our schools’ governance, please contact the Board at [bot@gvcharter.org](mailto:bot@gvcharter.org)

Annual Giving Campaign: Donations are vital in allowing us to provide the best programs and services we can. Please help us reach our goal of \$100,000 for each campus by contributing. Annual Giving Campaign.

Volunteering: Please consider offering your unique skills and services to one or more of these tremendous groups:

- Classroom: See your class Teacher
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI): [diversity@gvcharter.org](mailto:diversity@gvcharter.org)
- Golden Valley Education Fund (GVEF): [gvef@gvcharter.org](mailto:gvef@gvcharter.org)
- Parent Circle (PC) Orchard and River: [pc\\_orchard@gvcharter.org](mailto:pc_orchard@gvcharter.org)

Kindly,

Katie Gerski-Keller  
Board of Trustees, Chair  
Golden Valley Charter School

Meredith Willsen  
Board of Trustees, Vic Chair  
Golden Valley Charter School



# GOLDEN VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOLS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Submitted by Caleb Buckley, EdD

November 13, 2024

*K-8 Tuition-Free Public Waldorf Schools*

## THE CHARTER MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Next year Halloween is on a Friday. Because of the Thursday this year, we decided to hold our faculty in-service on the sugar-detox-day of November 1. Faculty received a long history of GVCS and where the Waldorf movement is today across the nation. We discussed what is essential about our Waldorf approach, what education should look like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and whom we are attempting to educate. These are all topics to be included in the charter renewal petition for the Orchard School which will be before the board in December.

As we look at the school budgets, we find that each school fell short of its enrollment target by over 20 students. Some of our classes are under 20 students this year. Our loss of anticipated revenue is about \$400,000 and there will be adjustments made to the operating budget as carefully as possible without disrupting the classrooms. For example, through attrition, the central office will be eliminating one full time position. The real test of the long term budget will be after the enrollment lottery in March and our new assessment of total school enrollment. The good news is, Golden Valley has the capacity to educate 50 more students so tell your friends to come on over!

Our school calendar for 2025-26 will be on the agenda. Next month we will approve all of the individual dates, such as festivals, as well as attach the total instructional minutes under the consent agenda. Next week the leadership team will be attending the CSDC conference in Sacramento. This is the best policy and budget update for charter schools available.

This is also a time to celebrate the coming holiday and festival season, after a wonderful festival of light and an upcoming Bowls of Peace at Orchard.



**ORCHARD** – At Orchard School, we’re dedicated to fostering positive behavior and a supportive school environment for all students in grades 1-8 through Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). This structured system promotes agreed-upon schoolwide expectations, ensuring that all students understand and practice positive behaviors across campus. Our Tier 1 team—which includes administrators, teachers, and specialty teachers—works to meet the needs of most students by introducing these expectations in engaging ways during our Friday Gatherings. Through fun skits and games, students are learning how to apply these expectations in different spaces around school. This hands-on approach not only reinforces positive behavior but also strengthens our community bonds. We’re currently looking for 1-2 parents to join our Tier 1 team. If you’re interested, please reach out to your child’s teacher or the school office to get involved.

We’re excited to announce that on November 14, Orchard School students in grades 1 through 8 will participate in a Walk with Ruby Bridges event. This journey honors the courage and determination of Ruby Bridges, who at six years old was the first African American child to integrate an all-white school in New Orleans. Students will walk to the local church, where speakers will share Ruby’s story, reflecting on her bravery and the resilience she demonstrated during a pivotal moment in history. Afterward, students will return to school inspired by Ruby’s message of strength, resilience, and hope for the future.

Thank you for supporting our students as they grow and learn through these meaningful experiences.

**RIVER** – This past month was quite a busy one at the River school- from pumpkin carving, shelter building, athletics were in full swing, and it was all capped off with our annual Festival of Light. This festival has become a cornerstone of the festival life at the River school. With live music, crafting, storytelling, savory foods and sweet treats, the Festival of Light is such a warm reminder of our vibrant community during a time of year when the days are growing shorter and colder.

In the classroom, our teachers are busy grading assessments and preparing for upcoming report cards and parent conferences. Conference week is also teacher/staff appreciation week in which our PC will be providing a lunch for our teachers during this very busy week as a thank you for all of their hard work and dedication.

**ACCOUNTABILITY & COMPLIANCE** – In an effort to increase parent and family engagement Golden Valley has created two new advisory committees—Circles of Support Committee and the Community Advisory Committee. The Circle of Support Committee’s goal is to gain insights by engaging the community in feedback opportunities for select student group populations. Circles of Support is a new advisory committee for the families of students identified as particular student subgroups that historically benefit from additional support in school settings. The Community Advisory Committee’s goal is to build community relationships and to elicit feedback on how to better serve students with disabilities. Both committees held their first meeting to listen to the feedback from parents and community members. The feedback will be used to prioritize funding and to improve student services, parent engagement, and student success and achievement while attending Golden Valley.



Enrollment and Attendance - Orchard							
	Current Enrollment	ADA Month 2	Movement	<i>24/25 Budget Assumptions</i>			
TK	22	94 %	+1	/	/		
K	33	93 %	(1)				
ABK	22	TK 97%/K 96%					
OBK	22	TK 93% / K 95%	+1				
MBK	11	TK 90% / K 84%	(1)				
1	39	97 %					
2	45	94 %					
3	25	95 %					
4	28	94 %					
5	30	94 %	+1				
6	28	95 %					
7	21	93 %	(1)				
8	21	88 %				<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>ADA</i>
Total	292	94 %	~				

August Enrollment and Attendance - River							
	Current Enrollment	ADA Month 1	Movement	<i>23/24 Budget Assumptions</i>			
TK	28	95 %		/	/		
K	38	92 %					
CBK	22	TK 100% / K 100%					
LBK	22	TK 94% / K 96%					
PBK	22	TK 96% / K 89%					
1	32	95 %					
2	28	96 %					
3	25	95 %					
4	30	95 %					
5	30	95 %					
6	27	96 %	(1)				
7	19	98 %					
8	24	94 %					
HS 1	1	100 %					
HS 2	3	100 %					
HS 3	7	100 %					
HS 4	3	99 %				<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>ADA</i>
Total	296	96 %	(1)				

**Enrollment** – Enrollment is still open for the 2024-25 school year. We have recorded Parent Information Meetings available for prospective families that are interested in applying. We will continue to accept applications and make offers for enrollment when there is an open seat in a class.

**Outreach** – We participated in an outreach event at the Rocklin Mini Maker Faire where we connected with over 90 families. Our purpose is to promote our two schools offering an activity and information about our curriculum. Families at local Waldorf-inspired pre-schools and play groups are invited to attend our schools' festivals which allows them an opportunity to be included in our GVCS community.

Our 2025-26 Open Enrollment period begins on January 1, 2025. Open Enrollment closes on Friday, February 29 at midnight. All applications received during the Open Enrollment period will receive qualifying priorities and will be included in the Open Enrollment Lottery Pool taking place Wednesday, March 12, 2025. We have scheduled Parent Information Meetings (PIM) available both in-person and virtually. New for the 2025-26 school year, children turning four years old by September 1, 2025, are eligible for Transitional Kindergarten.

**2025-26 Parent Information Meetings:**

GV Orchard School  
January 13, 27 and February 3 (In-Person)

GV River School  
January 15, 29 and February 9 (In-Person)

GV River Home Study Hybrid  
January 22 (Virtual)  
February 11 (In-Person)

GV River & GV Orchard  
February 6 (Virtual)



**MARKETING & COMMUNICATION**

Marketing & Outreach Focus: Communicating we are an established Charter School: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Messaging

- Posting Actively on Social Media to keep followers engaged
- Rocklin Mini Maker Fair Outreach booth on 10/12
- Parent Enrichment Outreach on Social Media

Communications

- ParentSquare Groups
- Time, Talent, and Treasure Campaign -Tri-fold, video communications from principals and other staff and faculty presented through ParentSquare for diverse voices launching this month
- Principal Videos about engagement for Time, Talen & Tresure on ParentSquare

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

- The percentages have gone up. The campaign was on standby for the Eagle Chase Fundraiser Communications
- Communications just in Newsletters for the month of October about AGC
- Earnie the Eagle felted Eagle introduced as a Mascot for AGC. Visuals created. Top percentage increase class for each school announced at Friday Gathering.

FUNDRASING with GVEF

- GVEF meetings and mixers are scheduled for once a month

SCHOOL	Donors/Household Participation %	YTD Rec'd (FY23/24)	<i>Projected AGC Receivables 24/25 FY End</i>	Goal
GVOS	117/292	\$19,087		\$100,000
GVRS	177/297	\$33,694		\$100,000
General Donation	n/a	\$1,238		--
<b>Total</b>	<b>294/587</b>	<b>\$54,019</b>	<b>\$111,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>