

VMCS REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
5:30 P.M.

1450 E. La Palma Ave.
 Anaheim, CA 92805
 714-563-2390

1. OPEN GENERAL SESSION

Procedural: Call to Order

5:33 p.m.

Procedural: 1.2 Establishment of Quorum

Roll Call	Present	Absent
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	Late	

Procedural: 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Action: 1.4 Approval of the Agenda

Recommended Action: This agenda has been posted within the 72 hours required by the Brown Act for a Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Farukhi		Second: Nelson	
Roll Call			Nay
Anderson	X		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	X		
Nelson	X		
Rhee	Late		
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4			
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:			

Procedural: 1.5 Public Comment

None

2. CLOSED SESSION

Information: 2.1 Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Orange County Superior Co. Case No. 30-2025-01498911

Information was provided by Wendy Walker of YM&C regarding existing litigation.

3. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Direction was given by Board to Legal Counsel.

4. PARENT REPORTS

Reports: 4.1 School Site Council (SSC) Report by Parent/Staff Representative

Yvette LaValle presented on behalf of the SSC. No report. SSC Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026 (tomorrow).

Reports: 4.2 English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Report by Parent/Staff Representative

Yvette LaValle presented on behalf of ELAC. No report. Meeting will be held later in month.

Reports: 4.3 Family and Staff Team (F.A.S.T.) Report by Parent/Staff Representative

Yvette LaValle presented on behalf of F.A.S.T. The major event that will occur on February 7, 2026, is the Black History Parade in Downtown Anaheim, which will involve our cheerleaders and band. The route is short, and the audience is typically strong. There is also the Unity Festival, and VMCS will have a booth and a craft as a form of recruitment.

5. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)

Action (Consent): 5.1 Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Board Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Consent section items are for routine matters that do not require discussion or deliberation by the Board. The consent calendar permits the Board to approve multiple items by one action. All Board members have the right to remove a consent item from the consent calendar so that normal discussion and deliberation may take place.

Motion: Anderson		Second: Farukhi	
Roll Call			Nay

Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	X	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 5/5		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT -- DEBRA J. SCHROEDER

Discussion, Information: 6.1 Presentation by Kirt Gilliland of JLL

Kirt Gilliland presented via a PowerPoint. Major points included the time line for work completion. Currently, the projected date for the end of the construction is early May. Some aspects of the project requires input/support by the City of Anaheim, which is difficult to predict.

Information: 6.2 Change in Kindergarten Teacher

One of our current kindergarten teachers requires hip replacement surgery. She has been open to the parents and staff about this medical procedure and has worked hard to have a smooth transition. One of our current Resident Teachers, Celestial Rico, has completed everything to receive her Multiple Subjects Credential. She will be the Teacher of Record for this class, first as a Substitute Teacher until the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing catches up, and then as the Teacher of Record once her paperwork is processed. Biola University has provided documentation regarding her completion of all requirement as a starting point.

Information: 6.3 Search for Second Assistant Director

With all that the second move will require, including the restructuring of schedules, creating and implementing drop-off/pick-up plans, developing new procedures, etc., it is prudent to hire a second Assistant Director. This also takes into account the increased number of scholars with IEPs and the increased enrollment and staff. Additionally, a restructuring of the Leadership Team, which includes Kia Cook, Yvette LaValle, Chammarra Nguyen, and Debra Schroeder, is needed to create a sustainable system and a reasonable workload. At this time, a preliminary step of creating an EdJoin Job posting has occurred, since this does not commit us to follow through. It is hoped we can onboard a highly qualified person prior to the end of the school year. There will be an Action Item regarding the Board's approval for this position. The Job Description is attached.

Information: 6.4 Two Calendar Drafts for 2026-2027

We are currently seeking input from parents and staff on two possible calendar scenarios for the 2026-2027 school year. They are presented to the Board for input. The actual approval for the calendar will be requested at the February Board Meeting.

Information: 6.5 Mid-Year LCAP Report

Although there is not a mandated format for the Mid-Year LCAP Report, we are required to share with the Board the programmatic progress and funding expenditures associated with the LCAP. The report presented to the Board at the January Meeting fulfills this requirement.

Discussion: 6.6 Input/Refinement of LCAP for 2026-2027

This is the beginning of the process of refining the LCAP for the 2026-2027 academic year. The Board is invited to provide ideas and input in this refinement process.

Discussion: 6.7 Recruitment Process

We are in process of working with two parents/consultants on our recruitment outreach via word-of-mouth, door knocking, community events, social media, and the website. Ideally, we would jump our enrollment process faster than initially projected due to the desire to not have combination classes. This ideal scenario would require us to add the following numbers per grade level based on the scholars who will be new to our school and the scholars who are currently enrolled and will push up into the next grade levels. The predictable scenario is based on the premise that the older the scholars are, the more difficult it is to recruit them. And, when you do recruit them, they are either new to the area, previously home schooled, unable to continue to pay private school tuition, or come with complex needs.

Ideal Scenario

TK -- 48 new scholars (2 classes)
 K -- 10 new scholars (2 classes)
 1 -- 6 new scholars (2 classes)
 2 -- 12 new scholars (2 classes)
 3 -- 18 new scholars, which is unlikely (2 classes)
 4 -- 19 new scholars, which is unlikely (2 classes)
 5 -- 22 new scholars, which is unlikely (2 classes)
 6 -- 0 new scholars (1 class)
 Total Enrollment = 438 scholars in 15 classrooms

Predictable Scenario

TK -- 48 new scholars (2 classes)
 K -- 10 new scholars (2 classes)
 1 -- 6 new scholars (2 classes)
 2 -- 12 new scholars (2 classes)
 3 -- 0 new scholars (1 class)
 3/4 with 12/18 -- 0 new scholars (1 class)
 4/5 with 23/7 -- 0 new scholars (1 class)
 5 -- 0 new scholars (1 class)
 6 -- 0 new scholars (1 class)
 Total Enrollment = 379 scholars in 13 classrooms

Two documents were also provided to the Board -- the Normal Grade Placement document and the Recruitment/Enrollment Process.

Discussion, Information: 6.8 California Community School Partnership Program (CCSPP) Update

Yvette LaValle shared information about the CCSPP. She focused on the possibility of providing families parent coaching and therapy that extended beyond what could be offered on campus. She also shared information about the Wellness Space.

7. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN

Information: 7.1 Enrollment for 2025-2026

Enrolled

TK -- 50
 K -- 53
 1st -- 48
 2nd -- 41
 3rd -- 41
 4th -- 38
 5th -- 29
 6th -- 32
 Total -- 336

Information: 7.2 Waiting List for 2025-2026

Waiting List

TK -- 15
 K -- 17
 1st -- 13
 2nd -- 11
 3rd -- 10
 4th -- 14
 5th -- 5
 6th -- N/A
 Total -- 74

Information: 7.3 Interest Forms for 2026-2027

Drawing

Many Interest Forms are coming in prior to the drawing at the end of February. Numbers are looking strong for two classes per grade level TK-4. Grade 5 has too many scholars for one class and a smaller number than 60 for two classes. Grade 6 is full.

Information: 7.4 Ethics Training

Chammarra Nguyen shared the need to still get this done. If not completed prior to February's Board Meeting, times to complete it on campus will be offered.

8. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- ROY KIM

Reports: 8.1 November 2025 Financials

Roy Kim provided information via a PowerPoint. The school continues to look fiscally strong. There will be a discussion of how next year's budget will be if we have two classes per grade level, TK-6. The other scenario would be a lower enrollment. At time time, the hopeful enrollment would be 438.

Information, Reports: 8.2 Financial Update -- State and Federal

The State Governor presented a proposed budget for 2026-2027, including funding for education. At this time, it looks favorable. However, there will be a May Revise that may be different depending upon the conditions of the budget.

9. ACTION ITEMS

Action: 9.1 Ratification of Celestial Rico's Support for Kindergarten Vacancy

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board approves Celestial Rico's hiring as the new kindergarten teacher, first as a substitute teacher and then a credentialed teacher.

RATIONALE: Celestial Rico is the best candidate to provide continuity of support for our kindergarten scholars. She has started to provide services on January 12, 2026, since this was the first day of Michele Rowell's absence.

Motion: Nelson		Second: Rhee
Roll Call		Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Left Early	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Action: 9.2 Approval of Recruitment for Second Assistant Director

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board approves the addition of a second Assistant Director.

RATIONALE: The rationale for the second Assistant Director position was shared during the Board Meeting, which includes the need to reorganize the leadership team for effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability.

Motion: Bonenberger	Second: Anderson
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Roll Call		Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Left Early	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Action: 9.3 Approval of Mid-Year LCAP Report

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board approves the Mid-Year LCAP Report.

RATIONALE: There is a mandate that the progress on the LCAP has to be presented to and reviewed by the Board prior to the end of February. We are completing this expectation a month in advance in case there is a need for any clarification.

Motion: Nelson		Second: Anderson
Roll Call		Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Left Early	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

Action: 9.4 Approval of Recruitment/Enrollment Process

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the VMCS Board approves the Recruitment/Enrollment Process Timeline.

RATIONALE: We need to publish our Recruitment/Enrollment Process Timeline to ensure a high level of transparency in the selection process of our scholars. This document has not changed substantially from previous school years.

Motion: Anderson		Second: Bonenberger
Roll Call		Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Left Early	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

10. BOARD COMMENTS

Procedural: 10.1 General Comments

None

Information: 10.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

11. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Procedural: 11.1 Board Adjournment: 7:42 p.m.