

**VMCS REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 5:30 P.M.**  
**1450 E. La Palma Ave.**  
**Anaheim, CA 92805**

**1. OPEN GENERAL SESSION**

Meeting Called tot Order at 5:35 p.m.

**Procedural: 1.1 Establishment of Quorum**

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi		X
Nelson	X	
Rhee	Late	

**Procedural: 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

**Action: 1.3 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.

<b>Motion: Anderson</b>		<b>Second: Bonenberger</b>
Roll Call	Yay	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

**Procedural: 1.4 Public Comment**

None

**2. PARENT REPORTS**

**Reports: 2.1 School Site Council (SSC) Report by Parent/Staff Representative**

Katie Hallum presented on behalf of the SSC. The last SSC Meeting was on Thursday, February 5, via Zoom. Updates provided by Dr. Schroeder included information about the Assistant Director interview process, the need for refinement to the Home/School Handbook, the proposed School Calendar for 2026-2027, the revised Immigration Policy, and the need for input for the Local Control Accountability Plan. Yvette LaValle provided an update about the Community School, with a focus on having a counselor on campus one day per week. This is the starting point with more support in the future when there is more space.

**Reports: 2.2 English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Report by Parent/Staff Representative**

Yvette LaValle presented on behalf of F.A.S.T. Meetings have focused on a Book Club format where members work on English skills by reading basic books in English.

**Reports: 2.3 Family and Staff Team (F.A.S.T.) Report by Parent/Staff Representative**

Yvette LaValle presented on behalf of F.A.S.T. Current activities include Gram Sales to support the 6th graders' AstroCamp cost, the upcoming Labrador Gala on March 12, Spring Pictures with Cap and Gown for kindergartners and sixth graders, and Read Across America with guest readers. We are anticipating scheduling challenges during the upcoming Ash Wednesday, but we are working with St. Anthony Claret to make it go as smoothly as possible.

**3. CONSENT (ONE VOTE)**

**Action (Consent): 3.1 Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 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.

<b>Motion: Nelson</b>		<b>Second: Anderson</b>
Roll Call	Yay	Nay
Anderson	X	
Bonenberger	X	
Farukhi	Absent	
Nelson	X	
Rhee	X	
Item Passes – Vote: 4/4		
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:		

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT -- DEBRA J. SCHROEDER**

**Discussion, Information: 4.1 Presentation by Kirt Gilliland of JLL**

Gilliland provided an update to the Board regarding the construction progress for the new site. Although there have been a number of challenges, he feels that the building will be ready for setting up in May/June. This set-up is different from it being ready for occupancy by scholars. More details were provided in the PowerPoint.

**Information: 4.2 Medical Leaves in Grade TK, K, and 5**

Staff attendance has been challenging, especially the short-term medical leaves. The staff members are using EDI, which does not impact the school in terms of providing coverage. At this time, two of the positions have been covered through existing staff members. One of the positions will most likely be covered by Zen Educate.

**Information: 4.3 Search for Second Assistant Director**

There are six strong candidates that have made the paper cut. Interviews are being scheduled.

**Information: 4.4 2026-2027 School Calendar Draft**

The 2026-2027 School Calendar has been vetted by the SSC with parent input, as well as the VMCS Staff. We believe it is a good version and ready for dissemination.

**Discussion: 4.5 Input/Refinement of LCAP for 2026-2027**

While the LCAP has not completed its three-year tenure, refinements are made each school year. The Board is invited to provide recommendations.

**Discussion: 4.6 Recruitment Update and Enrollment Scenarios**

The following two scenarios were shared with the Board. Through our recruitment efforts, we are trending toward the ideal scenarios.

Ideal Scenario

TK -- 48 new scholars, which is highly likely with 71 available (2 classes)

K -- 9 new scholars, which is highly likely with 35 available (2 classes)

1 -- 9 new scholars, which is highly likely with 18 available (2 classes)

2 -- 12 new scholars, which is highly likely with 18 available (2 classes)

3 -- 19 new scholars, which is somewhat likely with 19 available (2 classes)

4 -- 19 new scholars, which is somewhat likely with 15 available (2 classes)

5 -- 22 new scholars, which is unlikely with 17 available (2 classes)

6 -- 1 new scholar, which is highly likely with 9 available (1 class)

Total Enrollment = 438 scholars in 15 classrooms

Predictable Scenario

TK -- 48 new scholars (2 classes)

K -- 9 new scholars (2 classes)

1 -- 9 new scholars (2 classes)

2 -- 12 new scholars (2 classes)

3 -- 0 new scholars (1 class)

3/4 with 11/19 -- 0 new scholars (1 class)

4/5 with 19/11 -- 0 new scholars (1 class)

5 -- 0 new scholars (1 class)

6 -- 0 new scholars (1 class)

Total Enrollment = 379 scholars in 13 classrooms

**Discussion, Information: 4.8 Engagement Letter for Silva & Silva and Audit**

At this time with so many transitions, it seems prudent to continue with Silva & Silva for their services as our auditor.

**Discussion, Information: 4.9 California Community School Partnership Program (CCSPP) Update**

LaValle shared the change in focus for the CCSPP from deficit thinking to strength-based thinking. Also, the vision for the Well Space was discussed, including the meeting with CHOC staff on how to design the space.

**5. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT -- CHAMMARRA NGUYEN**

**Information: 5.1 Enrollment for 2025-2026**

TK -- 51

K -- 51

1 -- 45

2 -- 44

3 -- 42

4 -- 35

5 -- 29

6 -- 31

**Information: 5.2 Waiting List for 2025-2026**

K -- 50

1 -- 15

2 -- 13

3 -- 9  
 4 -- 10  
 5 -- 14  
 6 -- 5

**Information: 5.3 Interest Forms for 2026-2027**

TK -- 80  
 K -- 20  
 1 -- 6  
 2 -- 5  
 3 -- 11  
 4 -- 9  
 5 -- 4  
 6 -- 5

**Information: 5.4 Ethics Training**

Reminder was given to the Board Members to complete the training.

**6. ICON SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REPORT -- ROY KIM**

**Reports: 6.1 December 2026 Financials**

Kim presented the financials for VMCS for December via a PowerPoint. Budget looks strong, especially considering there still needs to be a truing up based on our higher enrollment number compared with 2024-2025. There is always a delay in payment when enrollment grows.

**Information, Reports: 6.2 Financial Update -- State and Federal**

Projected COLA is around 2.8.

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

**Action: 7.1 Approval of 2026-2027 School Calendar**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the VMCS Board approves the 2026-2027 School Calendar.

**RATIONALE:** The 2026-2027 School Calendar has been vetted by staff and the community. We need to make this available so the families and staff can start making their vacation plans.

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

**Action: 7.2 Approval of Immigration Enforcement Policy**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the VMCS Board approves the Immigration Enforcement Policy.

**RATIONALE:** This Board Policy is required by law and must be submitted to the California Department of Education my March 1, 2026.

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

**Action: 7.3 Approval of Silva & Silva's Engagement Letter Submission**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the VMCS Board approves the submission of the Silva and Silva Engagement Letter for our annual audit and other forms of accounting support.

**RATIONALE:** Our annual audit is a requirement, and Silva and Silva, in partnership with VMCS and Icon School Management, has been accurate and professional.

Motion: Anderson		Second: Bonenberger	
Roll Call	Yay	Nay	
Anderson	X		
Bonenberger	X		
Farukhi	Absent		
Nelson	X		
Rhee	X		

Item Passes – Vote: 4/4
Item Does Not Pass – Vote:

**8. BOARD COMMENTS**

**Procedural: 8.1 General Comments**

None

**Information: 8.2 Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

**9. BOARD ADJOURNMENT**

**Procedural: 9.1 Board Adjournment: 7:11 p.m.**

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