

VIBRANT MINDS SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
1450 E La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92805
(The meeting was held via a teleconference session.)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order: p.m.

- A. Introduction and Roll Call: Yvette LaValle, Natalie Miranda, Diana Ortiz, Diana Lujan, and Debbie Schroeder

SSC Attendees after Roll Call:

Additional Attendees: Jessica Quiaoit and Anlley Castro

C. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to accept agenda: Dr. Schroeder Second: Diana Lujan Vote: 5/5

D. Approval/Correction of Minutes from the December 4, 2025, Regular Meeting

-There were no corrections needed.

II. No public speakers spoke at the meeting.

III. Updates from SSC Chairperson - Ivette Ramos

- A. The meeting was opened and ran by SSC secretary, Yvette LaValle

IV. Updates from ELAC – Anaiss Servin

- A. Yvette shared that the ELAC met in December and had a potluck. They will be having a meeting on January 27 at 10am on campus.

V. Updates from Director of Vibrant Minds Charter School – Debra Schroeder

- A. Recruitment Support: Dr. Schroeder shared that the enrollment drawing will be held on Friday, February 27th at 10a.m. She encouraged the attendees to reach out to neighbors letting them know about the school. Other areas where the enrollment will be shared is through community events, our web page, and knocking on doors. We have a thriving interest list for Tk: 18 siblings and currently 36 on the drawlist. The

need would be for first through 4th grade to remove us from having any combo classes.

B. Community School Planning Report: Yvette shared that she is pursuing a partnership with a mental health provider. The hope is to bring therapists on campus during the school day. We are considering Higher Ground and Turning Point School Counseling Services. We also will be having a Zoom call with a team at CHOC to assist us with designing a Wellspace on our new campus. Ms. Castro shared that she is an MFT and would love to be a part of the VMCS team in the creation process.

C. Possible Calendar Scenarios: Dr. Schroeder shared that there are 2 calendars that are being considered. The first option is to have a 3 week winter break with the start date of August 10. The second option would be a 2 week winter break with

D. 2026-2027 Home/School Handbook

E. New Location Update

VI. Updates from Members

A. SSC Representative Report from the VMCS Board Meeting, December 14, 2025 Yvette LaValle. This was attended by Diana Lujan. Yvette shared the report. Kirk Gilliland, the project manager for the new site gave a monthly update. The Zen Educate program was shared with the Board. This is a company that offers substitute teachers for our staff. Dr. Schroeder shared that the website will be undergoing a revamp. The SARC was shared and the audit report was updated. The final copy of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan was approved. ICON School Management shared the financial report.

B. SSC Representative Report from the VMCS Board Meeting, January 14, 2026. Yvette LaValle shared the report. Kirk Gilliland gave his monthly report for the new construction. Dr. Schroeder that there is a need to fill the position of a second Assistant Director to offset the multiple projects and tasks that the current team is responsible for. The interviews will begin this month. Dr. Schroeder shared that mid-year LCAP update. The CSSP was approved. Chammarra shared an update on the enrollment and information on the upcoming drawing that will be held on February 27. ICON School Management shared the financial report.

B. SSC Member Assigned to Represent/Report at the VMCS Board Meeting for February 11, 2026 - Yvette LaValle

VII. Action Calendar

- A. There were no action items to be approved.

VIII. Council Discussion:

- A. Back Pack Policy History: Yvette and Dr. Schroeder shared that the policy of removing backpacks at school originally came from the teachers. They were concerned about the amount of time they were devoting to monitoring what was being brought to school. Also, the amount of space that the backpacks take up was creating unsafe classroom environments. They opted to go with a homework satchel instead.
- B. AB506 and Chaperoning/Volunteering: The State of California is requiring all organizations that have children on their campus must have a policy that requires all adults to have some form of check-in at the office with some clearance program. We will also be adding a volunteer agreement form to any chaperone event.

IX. Future Agenda Plans:

- A.

X. Adjournment:6:37 p.m.