

LIVE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL
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Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Live Oak Charter School
179 H St. Petaluma CA 94952
September 5, 2023
5:00pm

Mission & Program

To ensure the humanity and potential of its students through an education resonant with their unfolding awareness and capacities, and supportive of the full and integrated development of body, heart, and mind. LOCS provides a K-8 program inspired by Waldorf education to children and families of Petaluma and surrounding communities. Waldorf inspired education is a developmental approach to learning that cultivates the innate capacities of each child through age appropriate curriculum. Live Oak educates the whole child – head, heart, and hands, through an education that integrates each child's creative, intellectual, emotional, physical and social domains. Live Oak offers an interdisciplinary liberal arts program where art, music, and movement are integrated with core academic instruction. Exploration of the natural world, human culture, language and mathematics enlivens curiosity which is the foundation of intellectual growth, conceptual flexibility, empathy and sense of connectedness.

Live Oak Charter Board Norms

- *Be brief and respect others.*
- *Be prepared for board meetings by asking questions ahead of time and follow the "No Surprise Rule."*
- *Avoid hidden agendas and springing any surprises on other members.*
- *Focus on an agenda item until it is resolved or until a specified time has been reached to resume the resolution process.*
- *Give your full listening attention.*
- *Be open to challenge your own beliefs and ideas; Stay open to new ways of doing things.*
- *Success depends on participation – share ideas, ask questions, draw others out.*
- *Refrain from deriding other individuals' ideas. Strive to value all opinions.*
- *Work in the interest of all students.*
- *Own your mistakes.*
- *Celebrate success – take time to recognize small steps or progress toward goals.*
- *Don't interrupt.*
- *Express gratitude and appreciation.*

OPENING - Call to order 5:50 PM

PRESENT

Jessica Umphress, Board Chair
Robert Bunce, Board Treasurer
Samantha Sheppard, Board Secretary
Stacy Ito, Board Director
Kristin Walter, Board Director
Justin Lipp, Board Director
Kristina Tank-Crestetto, Board Director
Linda Delgado, Executive Director

A. Approve the agenda

KW moved to approve; JL seconded, all in favor KW, JL, JU, RB, SS, SI; KTC abstained

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is set aside for members of the public to make comments or raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. The board cannot, by law, respond or take action on any issue not specifically on the agenda. Public Comment presentations are limited to three minutes per presentation and the total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen minutes.

No public comment

C. 2023/24 Board of Directors Retreat Part 1 (Stacy Ito, Kristin Walter)

1. Strategic Plan Review
 - a. Look back at where we have been over the past few years - putting out fires; objective is to move to a new mindset to get to where we want to go.
 - b. It's been helpful in the past to determine our objectives and make all decisions through that lens.
2. Board Vision and Objectives for 2023/24
 - a. Brainstorming exercise, focus on facilities, enrollment, healing/building trust
 - b. Create more opportunities for parent involvement, eg. a parent council that organizes parent ed, festivals, work days

D. ADJOURNMENT

8:47 pm