

March Regular Board Meeting - 2025 Minutes

Shanel Valley Academy
3/27/2025 5:30 PMPDT
@ Add Zoom Link

Attendance

Present:

Members: Amy Frost, Bessie Glossenger, Melissa Kendall, Kristi McCullough, Noshie Merlin, Melea Meyer

Absent:

Members: Leslie Barkley

- I. Land Acknowledgment and Moment of Silence
- II. Call to Order
meeting called to order at 5:56
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
motion to adopt the agenda as written

Motion:

Motion to adopt the agenda as written

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Leslie Barkley. Passed by in person unanimous vote.

- V. Public Comment Regarding Closed Session Items
no public present, no public comment.
- VI. Closed Session
entered into closed session at 5:58
 - A. Public Employee Employment: Certificated Position
 - B. Public Employee Employment: Classified Position
- VII. Introductory Items
closed session ended at 6:57
 - A. Reconvene in Open Session
Reconvening in open session at 6:57

B. Report Out from Closed Session

Temporary Disability Leave request from classified staff member A was approved from April 8, 2025- May 31, 2025. Passed by unanimous vote.

VIII. Public Comment & Announcements on Non Agenda Items

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda. Although the Board of Directors may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. Individual public comments are limited to 3 minutes. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a member of the public if comments or actions disrupt the Board meeting.

IX. School Updates & Community Announcements

Katie, PAC president

A. PAC / ELAC Report

Sparkling and Oysters event resulted in a \$1500 donation
Fire station BBQ is coming up next month
Golden Pig, Stock Farm and cafe Poppy are working with the PAC on fundraising.
Maker space is getting use and kids are making T-shirts to sell for fundraising.

B. Preschool Director Report

Lucia reported on preschool enrollment and activities.
Class observation rating came in and gave us a 4/5, which is great for our first evaluation (from MCOE).
We also had a visit from an agency to help support students with disabilities.
We received the art grant, for the mural! Lucia will move forward with the mural once the funds come in! she will share the image with us and with the Pomo THPO (Roman) to ensure design (representation of name and Pomo language) is approved
Enrollment is slightly down because of the waitlist at NCO.
Children are doing well and keeping busy despite the rain. They are napping well and all is well at the preschool.
Some upcoming changes for next year mean that we only have 10 state preschool spots for next year.
Classroom sizes have changed as well limiting the space to 16 children (10 State preschool and 6 paid preschool). We discussed different scenarios related to current need we are hearing from families. Lucia will check with MCOE to find out more about how to incorporate 2 year olds seeking to enroll.

C. Principal's Report

March has been a busy and exciting month at our school! Here are some of the highlights:

- Read Across America: We celebrated by welcoming guest readers from both our school and the larger community.
- 4th-6th Grade Science Fair: Our students showcased their hard work, and many had the opportunity to attend the County Science Fair.
- Dental Screenings and Education: We hosted dental screenings and provided valuable oral health education for our students.
- PBL Project Presentations: Students presented a wide range of creative projects, including:

- A perspective from a redwood tree, complete with a habitat full of creatures in the treetops.
- Invention Convention, where students presented their innovative ideas.
- Shape perspectives and writing perspective stories.
- 5&6th grades did an art gala "red carpet" event where they studied an artist and created an artwork in their style: artists studied include Ansel Adams, Monet, and genres studied included fashion, flash art, dance and painting.
- Puppet-making and an art show, where students explored various artistic perspectives.
- ProAct Training: We completed our certification in crisis management through ProAct Training, ensuring we're equipped to support our students in all situations.
- Data Chats & iReady: Our school has a solid system for data chats and dedicated iReady time each day, helping to keep our students on track and engaged.
- Student Awards: Our student awards for improvement and positive behavior continue to be a big success, with the Golden Book, Golden Ball, and Golden Bear awards given out at assemblies, bringing lots of smiles!
- Volunteer Support:
 - In ELOP, we have three dedicated volunteers who are utilizing our maker space and teaching sewing. They'll soon be introducing crochet and knitting as well!
 - Volunteer Brittany Davis is going above and beyond with garden projects alongside buddy classes and hosting visiting artist workshops on Saturdays.
 - The 4-H Club continues to thrive, with project leaders involved in rocketry, mountain biking, rabbits, market lambs, beading, and sewing.
- ELOP Clubs: Our ELOP clubs are going strong, with students leading clubs like Dungeons & Dragons (D&D), volleyball, STEAM, and daily picture book lessons and activities for TK/K students.
- Curriculum Assessment & CAASPP Prep:
 - We are preparing to conduct a curriculum assessment for reading in our PLC (Professional Learning Community) in April to present findings and recommendations in the April BOD meeting
 - In preparation for the CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) tests in May, our 3rd-7th grade students will be taking practice tests in April to help them feel ready and confident.
- Read-a-thon & Spring Book Fair:
 - We're excited for the upcoming Read-a-thon and Spring Book Fair, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our wonderful librarian, Ms. Ralls. These events will help inspire our students to keep reading and exploring new books!
- Upcoming Events: The CEI team is preparing to organize a Family Engagement Night, April 29th, where we will discuss long-term school goals, what engages our students, and enjoy a pizza dinner and ice cream sundae bar to celebrate our wonderful community!

We continue to have an exciting and engaging year, with so much to be proud of. Thank you to all our students, families, volunteers, and staff for their continued support and involvement!

D. Community Updates & Announcements

No community announcements

X. Financial Updates

Brian Holmes from Edtec joined us to present the second interim report, current year cash balance, and multi-year projection. Final budget planning for next year is in motion, but some changes may still come up. We are still working of of January's proposed State budget. This could change in may when budget is approved/ adjusted. He explained the increase in revenue comes from our Farm to School Grant, We have been expending some of these funds, as they are expended they get included in the operating income, as they are added to our depreciation lists.

Cashflow has stabilized and we continue to pay down our Line of credit.

Multi Year Projection is based in small growth 120 increasing to 136 over the next three years.

Governor's budget increases some funding for learning recovery, ELO-P, TK, kitchen infrastructure, and the proposed COLA mean that we can expect some increases.

questions from Board member Barkley: How does the federal instability affect our projections. Brain answered we still have to wait and see what happens, especially related to state budget approval.

XI. Review and Possible Approval - 2nd Interim Report

Second Interim report was explained by Brian Holmes.

XII. Review and Possible Approval Program Changes to ELOP - AB113

Attendance recovery is now allowable in ELO-P programs. The Board agreed to form an Ad Hoc committee to explore the financial impact, program implementation strategies and revise the program plan to incorporate attendance recovery strategies.

Motion:

Motion to identify Board member Meyer and Frost to an ad hoc committee for the ELO-P plan incorporating Attendance Recovery.

Motion moved by Bessie Glossenger and motion seconded by Noshie Merlin. Passed by unanimous vote. All in favor.

XIII. Review and Possible Approval of Audit Firm Selection

We have used Christy White Accounting firm for our independant audits, and again this year they are only option. Only one auditor responded to MCOEs RFP (Christy White). Their estimate is \$11,890

Motion:

Motion to approve Christy White Accounting firm for our annual audit.

Motion moved by Melea Meyer and motion seconded by Bessie Glossenger. motion approved by unanimous vote. All in Favor

XIV. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included February Board minutes

Motion:

Motion to approve the consent agenda

Motion moved by Leslie Barkley and motion seconded by Noshie Merlin. All in favor passed by unanimous vote.

A. Approval of Minutes

February Board Meeting minutes.

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XV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm