



Vertus HIGH SCHOOL

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Board Meeting Minutes December 18, 2019

Board Members in Attendance: Bryan Hickman, Michael Mandina, Victoria Van Voorhis, Evan Gallina, and Timothy Brown

Vertus Staff in Attendance: Julie Locey, Jason Trzeciak, and Michael James

Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 7:40am.

Upon a motion by Evan Gallina, seconded by Victoria Van Voorhis, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the November Board Meeting.

Upon a motion by Victoria Van Voorhis, seconded by Timothy Brown, the Board unanimously approved the revisions to Vertus' Charter which spells out more clearly the intent of the school to serve students at most risk, particularly including those "over-aged and under-credited." It highlights the level of academic readiness that the students enter Vertus with and the impact that has on our ability to meet traditional academic expectations.

Julie Locey briefly presented the Month at a Glance report, highlighting the baseline data from this fall's NWEA exams which demonstrates a significant number of incoming students that fall far below grade level in both reading and math. This data sets the baseline for comparison after retesting the students in the spring as a way to measure success of the Vertus programs.

Jason Trzeciak presented the Board Statistics report, and the Recruitment / Attrition report, both of which show a growing student population from the beginning of the school year. He also highlighted the fact that we have student applications for the 2020-21 school year.

Jason Trzeciak presented the Actual vs. Budget report and the Cash Flow report, both of which demonstrate and improving financial situation and cash flow. Tight management to the budget and careful control of cash continues to trend in the right direction to serve the goal of ending fiscal year 2020 in the black.

Senior Recruiter, Michael James gave a brief presentation of his background and role, and the recruitment efforts undertaken this year, as well as the plans for the future. Michael focused on the initial efforts to increase brand awareness, innovation, and community partnerships. Michael finished the presentation by asking the Board to avail themselves to him in an effort to use their spheres of influence to benefit recruitment for the 2020-21 school year.

Evan Gallina moved to adjourn, seconded by Bryan Hickman at 8:38am.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for January 21, 2020 at 21 Humboldt St., Rochester