

Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education

- Observes colleagues and provides feedback;
- Conducts Parent Education workshops.

Parent Council

Parent participation is vital to the effectiveness of the VCS mission and the community atmosphere of the School. Parental commitment to volunteer is required and is clearly stated in a contract that is signed by all parents/guardians annually. In addition, VCS has developed an extensive list of after-hours participation opportunities outside the classroom. (Exhibit P: Parent Volunteer Contract/List of Volunteer Opportunities)

To serve the needs of VCS students and their families, and to ensure parental involvement and input, VCS has created a Parent Council (PC). It is made up of parents/guardians of our students and its meetings are attended by a VCS Director(s). Meetings are held throughout the year to inform parents about educational decisions and to participate in the operations, and community accountability of VCS. The Parent Council elects a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary to serve as the Executive Board of the PC. In addition, the PC elects a liaison who attends both Parent Council and VCS Board meetings in order to facilitate communication between parents and the Board.

The Parent Council serves as a forum for the discussion of matters of interest and concern to the parents of the School. Responsibilities of the PC include:

- Acts as a communication channel between the parents and other individuals and groups, both within and outside the school community;
- Coordinates and sponsors committees and other activities that enhance the intrinsic value of the School and contributes to the fulfillment of its mission. By their nature, these committees work with various bodies within the School, providing support activities as appropriate;
- Coordinates fundraising activities and, in collaboration with the Director of Operations, oversees the allocation and disbursement of funds raised by the PC;
- Reports to the Board of Directors at the monthly Board meetings;
- Participates on the Staff Selection committee;
- Participates on the Board Selection committee.