

*Journey School
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***REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Approved February 26, 2026***

***Thursday, January 22, 2026
6:00 p.m.***

*At Journey School, 27102 Foxborough, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656
(949) 448-7232 www.journeyschool.net*

NOTE: This meeting will be held in person on the Journey School campus and will be live streamed via Zoom. Members of the public are welcome to attend in person or online. Join Zoom Meeting:
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BOARD MEMBERS:

Michael Allbee, Council President
Margaret Moodian, Council Vice President
Jeannie Lee, Council Secretary
Cassie Kawling, Board Member
Lisa Murray, Board Member

ADVISORY POSITIONS:

Renal Moodley, Parent Cabinet Advisor
Faculty Advisor, Adam Kilcollins

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Journey School welcomes your participation at the school's Council meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Council is to conduct the affairs of Journey School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

- 1. Agendas are available to audience members during the meeting and on the school website.*
- 2. "Request to Speak" cards are available for all audience members who wish to speak prior to an agenda item or under the general category of "Public Comment." "Public Comment" time is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Council can only listen to your issue, not discuss your issue, respond in substance or take action. These presentations are limited to five (5) minutes (ten (10) minutes if a translator is needed) and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed thirty (30) minutes. The Council may give direction to staff to respond to your concern.*
- 3. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your "Request to Speak" card and submit the card prior to an agenda item. The public comment period precedes presentations on that agenda item by staff and/or school committees, Council discussion, and*

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- deliberation. You will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes (ten (10) minutes if a translator is needed).*
4. *When addressing the Council, speakers are requested to state their name and adhere to the time limits set forth.*
 5. *Audience members attending a meeting virtually are required to follow the guidelines specified in points 1 through 4 with the following exception noted: In lieu of a "Request to Speak" card, an audience member may utilize the chat function to indicate their name and a request to speak under the general category of "Public Comment" or at a specific agenda item. All other comments, questions, and dialogue entered into the chat will not be entered into public record and will not be responded to/addressed.*

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	AGENDA ITEM	EST. TIME
1	<p>Call to Order and Roll Call <i>The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.</i></p> <p>Michael Allbee, Council President - PRESENT Margaret Moodian, Council Vice President - PRESENT Jeannie Lee, Council Secretary - PRESENT Cassie Kauwling, Board Member - PRESENT arrived at 6:22 p.m. Lisa Murray, Board Member - PRESENT</p> <p>ADVISORY POSITIONS: Renal Moodley, Parent Cabinet Advisor - PRESENT Faculty Advisor, Adam Kilcollins - PRESENT Also Present: Shelley Kelley, Education Director Kayla Pennington, Kindergarten Teacher Gaylen Corbett - Clerk of the Board Larry Tamayo - ExED. Present from : 7:00 p.m. to 7:26 p.m. Desigan Moodley, Parent was present for part of the meeting.</p>	6:00
2	<p>Inspirational Passage - <i>Renal shared an inspirational passages by Nelson Mandela and Maya Angelou.</i></p>	6:05
3	<p>Approval of Agenda* <i>NOTE: The order of the agenda may be changed without prior notice to the public. Margaret made a motion to approve the agenda. Jeannie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.</i></p>	6:10
4	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT: <i>There was no public comment.</i></p>	6:15

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5	<p>CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Items on Consent Agenda may be approved with one motion and vote for all but without discussion. If an item is to be discussed, it is removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to an Action Item immediately following the Consent Items.</p> <p>A. Approval of Minutes*: <i>Minutes from the meeting held on December 11, 2025.</i></p> <p>B. School Accountability Report Card (SARC)*: <i>Ratify annual SARC, reporting on 2024-2025 school year, to be submitted to CDE and posted on the school website by February 1, 2026.</i></p> <p>C. Winter Consolidated Application*: <i>Ratification of application used by the California Department of Education (CDE) to distribute categorical funds from various federal programs to Journey School.</i></p> <p>Margaret made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Jeannie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.</p>	6:20
6.	<p>BOARD DEVELOPMENT and OVERSIGHT (Discussion/Action):</p> <p>A. Board Development and Strategic Planning*: <i>Mike shared an update regarding the Strategic Plan and Journey Forward Fund which has raised around \$10k more than last year at this time. Our donor base has increased compared to last year as well. Next steps have been mapped out by the fundraising lead.</i></p> <p><i>Jeannie shared reflections on the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education conference, and ideas for the Journey-hosted conference that is included in the strategic plan. The board discussed the possibility of hosting an Alliance for Public Waldorf conference on our campus, and the amount of planning and preparation required. Hellene Brodsky spoke via Zoom and noted that hosting such a conference is an immense amount of work for the host community. The topic will be visited again at the February board meeting.</i></p>	6:30
7	<p>INFORMATION ITEMS: Reports</p> <p>A. Financial Update*: <i>Larry shared a report on November and December financials and January Governor’s Budget Proposal. Period 1 attendance report and our attendance rate both came in higher than budgeted. CalPADS came in lower. Overall the LCFF is \$100k more, and Title I around \$30k higher. Expenses are about \$133k higher than anticipated. Net income will be around \$34k for the year. We have approximately 135 days of cash reserves on hand. State Budget Update: Mostly good news, although COLA is proposed lower than expected, at 2.41% which results in approximately \$45k less in funding for the school. Additional special education funding from the state is planned. Larry shared a brief overview of the 2026-27 budget and the board members discussed the subject, including how discretionary block grants may be used.</i></p> <p>B. Faculty Update: <i>Kayla Pennington shared an update from her Poppies kindergarten class. Kayla and board members discussed the challenges of recent state laws that have reduced the age of our kindergarteners and first graders, and how that affects our program now and in years to</i></p>	7:00

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	<p>come. Gavin discussed how we are managing these challenges at the moment, including our enrollment director informing prospective parents on this topic as much as possible.</p> <p>Adam Kilcollins also shared a faculty update. Representatives from the Santa Fe Waldorf School visited our campus last week. Journey is hosting a screening of the documentary "Screenagers." Journey's on-campus summer professional development workshop is scheduled for July.</p> <p>C. Parent Cabinet Update: Renal shared an update on Parent Cabinet activities including Clothes for Cash, yoga fundraiser, spirit wear, the auction gala, the business directory, and restaurant fundraising, and more. Harvest Faire netted over \$23k.</p> <p>D. Administrative Update: Gavin shared a report on school events including the recent School Food Authority administrative review, school attendance, enrollment, lottery, Coffee Talks, Journey Forward Fund, PAC meeting and project on learning outcomes, assessments and rubrics. Another Coffee Talk is planned for the spring. Notes from the previous talk will be shared with the community. At the PAC meeting feedback for the LCAP was gathered and will be utilized. All unduplicated groups were represented by numerous members of the community. The LCAP will be presented to the board at the February meeting. The PAC will meet again in March regarding the 2026-27 LCAP.</p> <p>Gavin explained how he and Ed Director Shelley developed an outline of the school's learning outcomes. This will provide a guide for teachers and a reference for parents to help them understand the rubric for each grade level.</p>	
8	<p>SCHOOL OPERATIONS: Discussion/Action</p> <p>A. Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP)* - Board members reviewed proposals from Strategic Kids for ELOP summer 2026 programming and afterschool tutoring. Gavin provided clarification about afterschool tutoring. Cassie made a motion to approve both proposals. Margaret seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.</p> <p>B. Journey Teacher Association (JTA) Initial Proposal for Negotiations* - Gavin read allowed the items listed on the JTA "reopener" articles for the purposes of union negotiations.</p> <p>C. California Dashboard Presentation and CDE Charter School Performance Categorization* Gavin reviewed the Journey School results on the CA Dashboard. Board members discussed the charter renewal tracks determined by charter performance categorization. Journey is considered a high performing school for the third year in a row. Positive results are shown in many areas. The board discussed the topic of chronic absenteeism and strategies employed to support families who struggle with attendance. They also discussed alternatives to suspension.</p> <p>D. SB 153 Mental Health Policy*: SB 153 requires all LEAs serving grades 7–12 to adopt a board-approved policy on referral protocols for addressing pupil behavioral health concerns. Gavin explained that Journey School already has the types of referral systems described in the policy in place for grades K-8. It was suggested to include verbiage to clarify that this policy is being established to comply with SB 153. There was a discussion about why suicide isn't specifically mentioned, noting that Journey has a separate Suicide</p>	8:00

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	<p><i>Prevention Plan. Margaret made a motion to approve SB 153 Mental Health Policy. Jeannie seconded the motion and the policy was unanimously approved.</i></p> <p>E. AB 49/495 Policy*: <i>AB 49/495 requires all LEAs to adopt a board approved policy to protect immigrant students and families by preventing immigration enforcement officers from entering public school campuses without proper identification and a valid judicial warrant or court order. The bill also prohibits local education agencies from disclosing personal information about students, their families, teachers, or school staff to immigration authorities. Cassie made a motion to approve the policy. Jeannie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.</i></p> <p>F. Fiscal Policy and Recurring Expenses*: <i>Review of JS Fiscal Policy and approval of updated list of Recurring Expenses. The board requested to amend the JS Fiscal policy as proposed, but with the amount listed on page 9, under Bank Checks, item 7, increased to \$10,000 instead of \$7,500. Margaret made a motion to approve the updates to the Fiscal Policy as amended, and the list of recurring expenses maximum. Jeannie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.</i></p> <p>G. Updates to 2025-26 Staffing Plan and Contract Review*: <i>Ratification of changes to the Staffing Plan to meet current needs. Gavin reviewed the updates to the staffing plan, and the contract with Cerna Healthcare which will replace our vendor Foreside Care.</i></p> <p><i>Cassie made a motion to ratify the contract with Cerna Healthcare and approve the updates to the staffing plan. Jeannie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.</i></p> <p><i>Jeannie made a motion to move into closed session. Cassie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The board entered closed session at 9:15 p.m.</i></p>	
9	<p>Closed Session</p> <p>A. Pursuant to Government Code §11126: <i>Potential Litigation. One case, against the school.</i></p> <p>B. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: <i>Discussion regarding negotiations for 2026-267 CBA</i></p> <p>Employee organization: <i>Journey Teachers’ Association/CTA</i> Agency designated representative: <i>Gavin Keller</i></p> <p>RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: <i>The meeting was reconvened to open session at: 10:06 p.m.</i></p> <p>PUBLIC REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION <i>(includes the vote or abstention of every member present)</i></p> <p>Item 9A: <i>The board did not take action.</i> Item 9B: <i>The board assigned Gavin as the designated representative.</i></p>	8:30

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10	<i>Adjournment - Jeannie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margaret seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.</i>	8:45
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*Agenda publicly posted at Journey School on January 16, 2026.
And on the school website at www.journeyschool.net*

**Items that are expected to have back up materials provided prior to or at the meeting are indicated with an asterisk. Other items may also have back up materials provided.*