Final Governing Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 23rd, 2014 at 11:00 am  

Attendees:  
**Governing Council (GC) Members Present:** Alicia Lueras Maldonado, Margaret Montoya, Rachel McCormick, Sasha Pellerin, Michelle Otero, Summers Kalishman, and Javier Rojo  
**All Others Present:** Julie Radoslovich, Justin Trager, Jenn Gable, David Bryant and Sean Ottmer 

Meeting began at 11:19 am. 

I. Welcome  
- **Review Draft Agenda:** The GC reviewed and updated the draft agenda. These minutes reflect changes made to the agenda. 
- **Review Minutes from the June 2014 Regular GC Meeting and the June 2014 Special Budgetary Meeting:** Both sets of draft meeting minutes were reviewed by the GC. Motion to approve both sets of minutes by Margaret; second by Michelle; approved unanimously.  

II. Public Forum  
- No Public Forum held. 

III. Financial Reports and Business: The GC reviewed a financial report produced by Carmen Rodriguez to summarize the budget status following the 2014 fiscal year (see handout). A few particular items were discussed in detail:  
  - There is a carryover in fund 21000-Food in the amount of $13,600; this carryover has allowed for snack twice a week during the current (2014-15) academic year. SVA has also implemented an approach to ensuring students eat breakfast on snack day by providing them with a card at breakfast to be used to obtain snack later in the day.  
  - There was a notable decrease of $9,843 in the carry over in fund 14000-Instructional Materials compared to FY2013. This decrease was caused by the purchase of all new materials for the newly added 6th grade.  

IV. Reports  
- **Principal Report:** Julie walked the GC through her Principal Report (see handout). A few particular items/follow-ups were emphasized by the GC: 
  - The middle and high schools have different missions: GC members recommended that both the middle school and high school missions be displayed in bilingual banners.  
  - Julie and Carmen intend to look into SAMS school-level funding. This funding stream is apparently available to schools with greater than 20 percent special education student enrollment, for which SVA would qualify.
V. Other Business
   - **Update on Establishing a Foundation:** Justin Trager provided the GC with an update on a recent conversation with the Director of Amy Biehl HS’s foundation. The GC and Justin noted that while this is an important effort to consider, further exploration and thought is necessitated by the to-be-formed subcommittee on Financial Stability.
   - **Letters of Recognition:** The GC presented letters of recognition for the outstanding efforts of Julie Radoslovich, Justin Trager, Carmen Rodriguez and David Bryant during the interim period between Kata and Julie’s tenure.
   - **Subcommittee on GC Recruitment:** At a recent GC meeting, the GC discussed forming a subcommittee (Michele will chair; Sasha and Javier will join) to recruit and screen potential GC members as needed. This subcommittee will set up a meeting soon and will keep the entire GC informed of their progress.
   - **Resignation of Board President, Alicia Lueras Maldonado and Election of new GC Officers.** Alicia notified the board of her intent to resign as Board President, effective at the end of the present meeting. GC members then discussed open positions and elected new officials as needed:
     - Motion to elect Sasha Pellerin as President by Margaret; second by Alicia; approved unanimously.
     - Motion to elect Rachel McCormick as Secretary by Alicia; second by Margaret; approved unanimously.
     - Summers noted that she was willing to continue her current term of Vice President.

VI. Upcoming Events
   - The GC agreed to conduct its **regular monthly GC meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:15pm at SVA:** Finance Committee meetings (to be attended regularly by Rachel and Javier) will be conducted at 4:15pm prior to the GC meeting.

VII. Executive Session
   - At 12:50pm the GC entered an executive session (attended by GC members and Julie Radoslovich) to discuss a personnel matter.
   - At 1:02pm the GC unanimously agreed to exit executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03pm.

- **Board Retreat:** The GC Meeting was followed by a Board Retreat attended by all members of the GC as well as the other attendees noted at the top of this agenda. Key topics included: an update on the high school from Jenn Gable (see handout); an update on the middle school from Sean Ottmer (see handout), and a discussion of next steps for committees on recruitment and finances. The following agenda items for upcoming GC meeting were noted: (1) parent involvement; (2) alumni interest/outreach; (3) political ambassadorship for our principal; (4) ethnic studies program discussion; and (5) discussion of subcommittees on board recruitment (Chair: Michelle) and financial stability (Chair: to be determined) progress.