SOUTH VALLEY ACADEMY Mission: To prepare young people to become lifelong learners in a small school setting, based on high academic standards for all, individual appreciation for each student and teacher, a culture of trust, respect for the diverse traditions of New Mexico, and involvement of family and community.

Governing Council (GC) Members Present: Sasha Pellerin, Javier Rojo, Summers Kalishman
Governing Council Members Not Present: Michelle Otero, Rachel McCormick
Others Present: Julie Radoslovich, Justin Trager, Heidi Gomez, Jacob Kolander

Meeting began at 5:25 P.M.

I. Welcome
   • Introduced Jacob Kolander, reviewed November agenda.
   • Added review of subcommittee business as permanent item to agenda.
   • Reviewed draft of October 2014 GC minutes. Approved with spelling changes. Sasha moved to approve and Javier seconded and motion was approved with addition of corrected spellings for several names.

II. Public Forum
   • English Department chair, Jacob Kolander provided goals and examples of how the English Department is addressing them during this presentation including mapping curriculum and skills to the Common Core; discussions using Geoffrey Canada’s TED Talk, “Enough is Enough” to identify ways to address things differently in the classroom; discussion about how to create classroom that is a springboard for students success in college (see hand outs).

III. Financial Reports and Business
   • Finance and Audit Committee met on 11/11/14 prior to Governing Council meeting to review financial reports and business (see their minutes). In the F&A committee the following were reviewed:
     • Balance Sheet Reports
     • Statement of Revenues & Expenditures
     • Reconciliation Reports
     • Bank Statements
     • Budget Summaries by Fund Account
• There were two BARS presented by Heidi Gomez, SVA business manager, for approval. (See Financial Reports handouts).

• 13000 Pupil Transportation $92,605
• 31200 Public School Capital Outlay ($60,111)

Sasha Pellerin moved to approve both BARS and Javier Rojo seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

IV. Reports
• Principal Report, Julie Radoslovich (see handout).
• Her report included updated SVA pupil enrollment by grade, new hires/staffing, teacher evaluation and teacher/observations, college guidance, the bi-lingual program, ADA Training for SVA staff, food program audits, fire marshal visit, SVA charter renewal/performance contract planned for review at December APS School Board meeting, Nov 17th SVA facilities walkthrough and unresolved issues, transportation and traffic flow at SVA, and recent and upcoming events.

V. Other Business
• Bereavement Policy-Domestic Partnership addition to policy (see handout) Javier Rojo moved to approve this policy addition; Sasha Pellerin seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

• Update on Student Culture and Safety
The NM Forum for Youth and Community, Anna Nelson, executive director, will collaborate with SVA on trauma and healing in schools to test several interventions that address training about trauma and different kinds of trauma for students, parents, and staff.

• Approval of Performance Contract approval/adoption (see contract).
The SVA Charter Performance Contract which includes GC principles was adopted. The enrollment cap for SVA was changed from 435 to 600. Name changes for GC president (Sasha Pellerin) and SVA principal (Julie Radoslovich) were included. Summers Kalishman moved to approve this performance contract; Sasha Pellerin seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

• Principal/Director Evaluation (see handout)
The Governing Council discussed the Principal/Director evaluation plan presented by the principal and supported it.

VI. Subcommittee Updates
• Alumni Involvement Subcommittee: Sasha, Julie, Javier and Heidi met during the month. They identified an immediate goal of developing a data base of alumni to be used for multiple purposed including surveying alumni, general fundraising, connecting alumni with activities and goals/work of the school. As a longterm goal, they would like to maintain the data base and use it to connect alumni with mission and goals of SVA.
• **Financial Sustainability/Development Subcommittee**: Justin and Julie met with Alan Marks about his ideas about how to approach this issue at SVA.
• **Board Recruitment Subcommittee**: No report.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.