Governing Council (GC) Members Present: Sasha Pellerin, Javier Rojo, Michelle Otero, Rachel McCormick Summers Kalishman

Others Present: Julie Radoslovich, Justin Trager, Heidi Gomez, Stewart Paley, Jessica Marquez, Myrna Campos, Ruby Ordonez, and Maika Padilla

Meeting began at 5:18 P.M.

I. Welcome

• Introduced Stewart Paley, Jessica Marquez, Myrna Campos, Ruby Ordonez, Maika Padilla
• Reviewed December agenda.
• Reviewed draft of November 2014 GC minutes. Michelle moved to approve and Sasha seconded; motion was approved with addition of one name change.

II. Public Forum

• Social Studies Department staff member, Stewart Paley presented for members of his department including Annette Sanchez and Dana Van Tilborg.
  As part of the forum, Annette Sanchez provided a copy of Social Studies skills, and scope and sequence for the high school grades 9-12, and explained that they are working to align activities and projects in the department with these skills as well as the Common Core (see handouts). Stewart Paley described content included in the Grade 12 government and economics. Students further elaborated on the content in these courses and the importance and practicality for them in school, home and community life.
• Maika Padilla gave a short presentation about her two-month experience at Camp Rising Sun. Her experience was wonderful and she thanked the GC members for their individual support. Maika was enthralled with this leadership camp and recommended it for others.

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 three BARS presented by Heidi Gomez, SVA business manager, for approval. (See Financial Reports handouts).
    • 24162 Title I School Improvement $5,737
    • 24513 English Language Acquisition $5,395
    • 11000 Operational (transfer of funds within operational functions)

Rachel McCormick moved to approve the three BARS, Michelle Otero 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, Title I, Web EPSS, ADA Training for SVA staff, food program tracking, fire marshal visit, SVA charter renewal/performance contract approval by APS school board on Dec. 2nd, STEM stipends, Nov 17th SVA facilities walkthrough, transportation and traffic flow at SVA, athletic field dedication, and highlights of recent and upcoming events.

V. Other Business
• Confirmed that our school calendar was approved in our summer retreat.

VI. Subcommittee Updates
• Alumni Involvement Subcommittee: No new report
• Financial/Sustainability/Development Subcommittee: Justin and Julie met with Alan Marks about his ideas about fundraising. He suggested best strategy in fund raising is to talk with people directly. In addition, Alan offered financial support to focus on seed money for hiring a development person. The GC briefly discussed this generous offer and agreed to return to the topic when we have more information about our development goals.
• Board Recruitment Subcommittee: Michelle Otero contacted Jabeen Vagh about her interest in joining the SVA Finance and Audit Committee. Michelle and Javier Rojo will meet with Jabeen in January. This is part of our overall recruitment strategy for the GC and to individual subcommittees.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next GC meeting is scheduled for January 13th at 5:15 at SVA.