Final Governing Council Minutes  
September 9th, 2014: 5:15pm

**Governing Council (GC) Members Present:** Sasha Pellerin, Michelle Otero, Summers Kalishman, and Rachel McCormick  
**GC Members Not Present:** Margaret Montoya and Javier Rojo  
**All Others Present:** Julie Radoslovich, David Bryant, Justin Trager, and Carmen Rodriguez

Meeting began at 5:17pm.

I. **Welcome**  
   - Reviewed Agenda, no changes made.  
   - Reviewed Minutes from August 2014 meeting. First by Michelle to approve, second by Summers; approved unanimously.

II. **Charter Renewal:** The deadline for SVA’s charter renewal application is October 1st, 2014. The GC discussed the following related matters:  
   - Review of nepotism policy for hiring new SVA employees (see two handouts):  
     The GC reviewed two related policies on nepotism from other (non-SVA) sources.  
   - Note that in the case of a current employee who under this policy would have a relationship with a superior deemed nepotism, the GC noted that the grandfather policy, as specified in the proposed policy, should be adopted as specified and the employee should continue in current capacity with current supervisor unaffected.  
   - First to adopt combination of both policies by Michelle pending combination into a single document by David and review by Margaret. Second by Sasha; approved unanimously with specified caveat of update by David and review by Margaret.

III. **Financial Reports and Business**  
   - The annual audit is currently underway. Final findings, if any, are expected to be available by February, 2015.  
   - Presentation of June 2014 Financial Statements by Carmen Rodriguez:  
     - Balance Sheet Reports  
     - Statement of Revenues & Expenditures  
     - Reconciliation Reports  
     - Bank Statements  
     - Budget Summaries by Fund Account  
   - Presentation of three BARs by Carmen Rodriguez:  
     - 31400 Capital Appropriation, $49,000  
     - 29102 ABQ community foundation, $10,000
BAR Award letter for STEM, $25,000

Motion to approve all three bars by Rachel; second by Michelle; approved unanimously.

IV. Reports by Principal and Director, Julie Radoslovich
   • State of Instruction (see handout)
   • Principal Report (see handout)
     i. Particular issues discussed in further detail include:
        1. Violence: A number of recent incidents of violence in the community have been echoed by a few episodes of violence among students at SVA. GC members offered possible resources for the school during this difficult time and will send contact info for resources to Julie.
        2. In regards to the charter renewal due on October 1st, the GC agreed to add a letter of support from the GC (even though such a letter was not required). The letter was signed by GC officers.

V. Other Business
   • Alumni involvement: Sasha will create a survey for alumni asking specific questions about their post-SVA experiences and their reflections on their experiences at SVA. Sasha will prepare a draft survey to share at the October, 2014 GC meeting.
   • Ethnic Studies Program: The GC agreed this discussion should be delayed until a later GC meeting as Margaret was not present to lead the discussion. The GC did note that while this conversation is not in direct purview of board, it would be useful to have an initial conversation and then support school leadership as they decide on the best way to move forward.
   • Updates from Subcommittees:
      ▪ Board Recruitment (chair: Michelle; members: Sasha, Javier): Michelle will organize one board recruitment meeting prior to the October, 2014 GC meeting and will come to that meeting with an update and recommendations.
      ▪ Financial Stability (chair: TBD; members: Justin, Michelle and Summers, potentially also Margaret and/or Rachel). Members will set a time to meet prior to the October, 2014 GC meeting and will provide a more detailed update on plans at the October GC meeting.

VI. Topics for Next/Upcoming GC Meetings:
   • Highest Priority (October, 2014 meeting):
      o Revisit conflict of interest and nepotism policies.
      o Principal/Director Evaluation.
   • Other topics (could be deferred if needed):
      o Parent involvement: Update from David Bryant
      o Ethnic Studies Programs.
      o Updates from Subcommittees.
      o Revisit student perception of school safety.
      o Bereavement Policy.

Meeting ended at 7:17pm.