Governing Council Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 2015

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.

Meeting Commenced at 5:17 P.M.

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

GC Members Not Present: None.

All Others Present: Julie Radoslovich, Justin Trager, Sean Ottmer, Jenn Gable, and Heidi Gomez

I. Welcome

   • Agenda Review – The agenda was modified to remove the Public Forum, a presentation on the Art Department by Adrian Martinez. This Public Forum will be rescheduled to a future GC meeting.
   • Minutes Review – The GC reviewed December, 2014 GC Meeting Minutes. Rachel moved to approve, Michelle seconded, and approved unanimously pending minor formatting edits.

II. School Sharing

   • Middle School update (Sean Ottmer): See handout.
     - Sean reported that he is tracking student connections to adults at SVA middle school by semester in an effort to ensure that all students have access to multiple supportive adults and that students who feel disconnected are targeted.
     - Sean also re-administered the SVA middle school student and teacher surveys and created a variety of data displays. Within cohort, Sean noted some changes in student affect, which members of the GC felt was likely not meaningful or indicative of any issues. Overall, students
and teachers again provided extremely positive reviews of both Sean and the middle school.

- **High School update (Jenn Gable): see handout.**
  - Jenn reviewed the SVA high school rubric for grading students and summary of 2014-15 student performance by grade and class to date. The majority of SVA students are scoring at 2 or 3 on the rubric. Of note is the fact that a passing grade changed from a 3 to a 2 between the 2013-14 and 2014-15 academic years. GC members agreed that this change might be influencing data trends.
  - Jenn also reviewed SVA’s goals and progress towards those goals on Web EPPs (a requirement from when SVA was deemed a focus school).
- GC members encouraged SVA staff to continue to use data to drive their instruction and respond to areas of concern revealed by their data.

### III. Financial Reports and Business

- Heidi was happy to report on the results of SVA’s annual Financial Audit: there were no findings.

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- Michelle moved to approve, Rachel seconded, and all bars were approved unanimously.
- Heidi and Justin reviewed financial projections analyzing SVA’s budgetary condition in future years dependent upon student enrollment, class size, and number of teachers. It appears an increase in student enrollment and an addition of two teachers (including additional portable class space) will be necessary in order to offset the loss of small school funding and maintain financial health, small class size, and critical SVA programs.
IV. Reports
  • Principal Report. *see handout.*

V. Other Business
  • Subcommittee reports
    i. **GC Development.** Michelle has nominated Moises Padilla to join the GC. Michelle will arrange an informal opportunity for the GC to meet Moises. Times and dates will be distributed to the entire GC and the meeting time announced publicly if a quorum will be present.
    ii. **Alumni.** Sasha has continued work to develop an alumni survey and will aim to share a draft for feedback at the next GC meeting on 2/10/2015.

VI. Upcoming Events
  • The next GC meeting will be held at SVA on Tuesday, 2/10/2015. Rachel McCormick and Summers Kalishman will not be present. A volunteer to take meeting minutes will be needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.