Governing Council Meeting
March 4th, 2014 at 5:15 p.m.

Attendees:
GC Members Present: Alicia Lueras Maldonado, Rachel McCormick, Sasha Pellerin, Michelle Otero and Summers Kalishman; GC Members Not Present: Margaret Montoya; All Others Present: Justin Trager, Jen Gable, Julie Radoslovich, Carmen Rodriguez, and Kata Sandoval

I. Welcome
   a. Introductions
   b. Review Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made.
   c. Review/Approve Minutes from January 2014 meeting:
      i. Motion to approve by Alicia, Second by Sasha, Passed unanimously

II. Public Forum
   a. Presentation by Jen Gable, Science Department, on Science programs: Jen presented on SVA’s science programs, noting that the department is growing the science program with a number of extracurricular activities including: Robotics (using Lego Mindstorm Kits); the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP), and Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement, Inc. (MESA). Jen also reported that Family Science night will be held on March 18th.

III. Financial Reports and Business
   a. Carmen led a presentation of January 2014 Financial Statements including:
      ▪ Balance Sheet Reports
      ▪ Statement of Revenues & Expenditures
      ▪ Reconciliation Reports
      ▪ Bank Statements
      ▪ Budget Summaries by Fund Account
   b. See handouts for materials.
   c. Carmen also reported that there are no BARs this evening, but there will be BAR requests upcoming.

IV. Other Business
   a. Mandatory Board Training update: Three board members will be attending a training on March 28th, hosted by RFK; three other members will be attending on April 5th.
   b. APS Site Visit on March 6th: APS will be conducting a site visit to SVA on March 6th. There are questions for this visit to be completed by SVA’s Governing Council. Next steps: Alicia will draft responses and send to Justin and Julie.
c. **Development of Teacher Evaluation Plan for 2014-2015:** School leadership has submitted a teacher evaluation plan for 2014-201 and the next two academic years. A response letter (indicating approval/rejection) is expected in two weeks.

d. **Update on consideration of splitting into two schools:** SVA leadership met with two APS officials who outlined other options for increasing funding to SVA in upcoming years, but thought a split was unlikely to be approved by the APS board.

e. **Principal evaluation:** A new principal evaluation system was just rolled out by APS. It is unclear how the system will be applied for charter schools. **Next steps:** As soon as SVA is notified of how this plan will apply to charter schools, the board will be updated.

f. **Principal Search (Julie Radoslovich recused herself from this discussion):** The board reviewed draft leadership competencies and indicators; and a scoring matrix. It was agreed that the job would be posted within a few days on multiple websites and other venues to ensure a national search. A screening committee will be formed, including two staff members (all staff will be queried for interest), three GC members, and Justin Trager.

V. Reports
   a. **Principal Report**
      i. Julie presented the Principal Report.
      ii. See handout for details.

VI. Upcoming Events
   a. Family Science night on March 18th, 5-7pm.
   b. Audit and Finance on March 11th and March 18th, both at 4:15pm.

VII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm.