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, Michelle Otero, Rachel McCormick, Summers Kalishman, and Alberto Solis.

**GC Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Julie Radoslovich, Heidi Gomez, Jenn Gable, Sean Ottmer, Jacob Kolander

Meeting Began at 5:26pm.

I. Welcome
   - Reviewed agenda for present meeting: No changes made.
   - Review/approve September minutes: Summers moved to approve, Michelle seconded, approved unanimously.

II. Public Forum
   - English Department, Jacob Kolander:
     - International trips are scheduled to Rome, Japan, and Costa Rica over the next few years.
     - The Department is working on consistent expectations and linkage between grade levels.
     - Jacob reported seeing improvements in incoming cohorts of students who have been at SVA starting with middle school. Also satisfied with PARC assessment results.
     - Discussed idea of posters across the school of students and alumni. Looking for funding and expansion. Attendees were asked to send any contact info (photographers, etc.) to Heidi.

III. Financial Reports and Business
   - Heidi Gomez briefly reviewed and distributed September, 2015 financial sheets, including:
     - Balance Sheet Reports, Statement of Revenues & Expenditures, Reconciliation Reports, Bank Statements, and Budget Summaries by Fund Account.
     - Bars
       1. 24101, Title I - $9,341.00 (~4,700 for software for SPED students, ~1,500 for Rosetta Stone for ELL students, ~1,500 for stipend)
       2. 27189, College Counselor Initiative - $32,500.00 (She/ly Roberts for college advisement)
         - Michelle move to approve all bars, Rachel seconded, approved unanimously.
     - Discussed 3 fiscal year projections, which are based on additional actual data as compared to last year. While fiscal challenges still exist, they are less pronounced due to recent cutbacks and the usage of actual data rather than estimated data (as the later produced more concerning estimates than the former).
IV. Reports

- **Principal Report**
  - Julia provided principal report, see attachment.

- **SVA Alumni Report/Survey Draft**
  - Sasha presented a draft SVA Alumni Survey. Attendees provided suggestions. The next step is to move towards finalizing the survey and scheduling an alumni event.

- **Review outline of White Paper**
  - Rachel presented draft White Papers on the small school funding formula and at-risk formula. Attendees provided suggestions. The next step is for Rachel to update and send to Julie who will share with Senator Mike Padilla during his visit to SVA.

V. Strategic Planning Report

- Everett provided summary and handout on strategies post annual meeting, see attachment.

VI. SVA Fundraising Strategy

- Sandra provided an update on her SVA fundraising strategy recommendations. See attachment.

VII. Relationship Mapping

- Alberto provided an introduction/overview of relationship mapping and its goals in fundraising. The intent of this exercise is to document contacts across all attendees and then identify overlaps in contacts to figure out who should be point and work together.

- Next steps: GC members should send Michelle a list of 10 people who they believe would make donations to SVA by October 23rd

VIII. Upcoming Events

- See principal report.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21.