SVA Governing Council Meeting

Final Minutes December 14, 2015

To prepare young people to become lifelong learners in a small school setting, based or 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, Summers Kalishman

GC Members Absent: Alberto Solis and Rachel McCormick

Others Present: Julie Radoslovich, Heidi Gomez, Annette Sanchez, Marie Fernandez, JP Morales and Vivianna Cruz

Meeting Called to Order: 5:30

1. Welcome and introductions
   - Reviewed agenda for December meeting; no changes
   - Reviewed November 2015 meeting minutes; they were moved for approval with minor edits by Michelle Otero and seconded by Sasha Pellerin, and were unanimously approved.

2. Public Forum
   - Annette Sanchez and Marie Fernandez from Social Studies Department and two SVA students, JP Morales and Vivianna Cruz presented. Social Studies is seeking vertical alignment within its programs and focusing on performance assessment. It is tweaking some of its work and Ms. Sanchez will be attending an upcoming “Buck Institute” Conference to learn more about practices from others and apply them at SVA. Ms. Fernandez discussed her approaches in social studies courses including World History and application of evidence in students’ work. JP Morales and Vivianna Cruz discussed their experience in a Mock Trial at SVA including the case (cyber bullying in a school setting) and their roles as part of defense and prosecution.

3. Financial Reports and Business
   - November 2015 Financial Reports were reviewed during the Audit and Finance Subcommittee meeting on 12.14.15 prior to the GC meeting. Financial Reports presented at Audit and Finance from this meeting were shared with the GC members.
   - Disposal of Fixed Assets: Heidi Gomez presented a fixed asset report that included items from 2000-2005 for disposal/deletion from SVA’s books because they are items that obsolete and some have not been located (computer, laser printers, phone system, copier, fax and ibooks). Sasha Pellerin moved and Michelle Otero seconded approval of the Fixed Asset Disposal request. The GC unanimously approved this request.
4. Principal Report—Julie Radoslovich
   - Please see attached report. Julie presented and discussed this report with the GC. The SVA Master Plan request to expand the school enrollment size will be discussed with APS staff in December prior to its review by the APS School Board in January or December.

5. Other business
   - SVA Sibling Enrollment Policy: Julie Radoslovich presented two options to the GC regarding SVA Sibling Enrollment. Michelle Otero moved, Sasha Pellerin seconded and the GC unanimously rejected an amendment or change to the SVA Sibling Enrollment Policy. The current Sibling Enrollment Policy remains in effect. (See attached).
   - Alumni Survey Review: Sasha shared a paper copy of the survey and requested electronic feedback on the survey to her by December 18th. Sasha will send out a PDF version of the survey too to help in this review.
   - Review and confirmation of the GC Calendar
     - Dates for 5:15 PM, Second Monday of the month GC meetings for January-June are:
       - Jan 11th
       - Feb 8th
       - March 14th
       - April 11th
       - May 9th
       - June 13th

6. Subcommittee Updates
   - Board Recruitment: Michelle Otero met with Joaquin Griego, board of La Placita Institute and South Valley resident, who is interested in SVA and potential membership on GC. Michelle plans to meet with him again.
   - Development Committee:
     - The house party planned for December is going to be rescheduled for February as a fundraiser and kick off for alumni connections
     - Online donations: Heidi has been investigating and proposes use of PayPal. She is investigating ways to use PayPal for recurring donations.
     - Letter writing campaign for donations—plan is for these letters to be sent out on Thursday, Dec. 17th

The SVA Governing Council Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM