Governing Council Meeting Minutes
September 13th, 2016

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, Summers Kalishman, Michelle Otero, Rachel McCormick, Noel Chilton

**GC Members Absent:** Josue Olivares

**Others Present:** SVA Staff: Julie Radoslovich, Heidi Gomez, Sean Ottmer, Jenn Gable; non-SVA Staff: Everett Hill, Molly Ann Perara-Lunde

Commence at 5:15

- **Report on Governing Council's August 2016 Retreat**
  - Everett Hill provided a summary report on the recent retreat (see attached). Everett noted that each committee should ensure that it creates a statement of purpose, a roster, and a calendar at its next meeting.
  - Governing Council members and other attendees were asked to review the summary document. Any comments should be provided to Everett by 9/23.

- **Other Items**
  - **Alternative demonstration of competency:** Jenn Gable presented a proposed plan for alternative demonstration of competency (see attached). It was noted that this plan is identical to the plan submitted and approved by the GC last year. *Michelle moved to approve; Rachel seconded, approved unanimously.*
  - **Research request:** Molly Ann Perara-Lunde presented a proposal for a small scale study in a single classroom. The study will focus on student exhibitions. *Summers moved to approve; Michelle seconded, approved unanimously.*
    However, the GC requested that APS be contacted to ensure that the GC has the power of a research board to approve studies being conducted at SVA. A report should be provided at an upcoming GC meeting.
- **Reports**
  - **MS report:** Sean Ottmer shared survey data on the most recent administration of middle school teachers and student surveys (see attached). GC members noted that the findings were impressive, and were particularly impressed by the finding that 85% of students reported they have not witnessed bullying at SVA.
  - **Financial Report**
    - Heidi Gomez reviewed August financials briefly (reports were discussed in depth at Finance and Audit Committee).
    - Heidi also presented a memo from APS explaining the cash transfer approved in the August GC meeting (on which the GC requested more information). GC members noted that this memo was sufficient to address their request for more information.
    - Finally, Heidi presented three BARS: (1) Fund 24154: money for professional development carryover from last year, $13,726; (2) Fund 29102: a grant from David foundation, $28,697; (3) Fund 29102, United Way contribution, $281. *Michelle moved to approve; Sasha seconded, approved unanimously.*

- **Review minutes from August, 2016**
  - Minutes were reviewed by GC members. *Summers moved to approve; Michelle seconded, approved unanimously.*

- **School report**
  - Julie Radoslovich provided the school report (see handout).

- **Committee Reports**
  - **Alumni:** no updates
  - **Finance and Audit:** See notes on August financials above
  - **Board Development** – In process, recruitment of a potential new member is underway.
  - **Communications** – no updates, this committee has not convened yet.

- **Election of GC Officers**
  - The GC discussed election of officers. Ultimately, the following candidates were proposed:
    - President: Sasha Pellerin
    - Vice President: Noel Chilton
    - Secretary: Rachel McCormick
    - Treasurer: Josue Oliveras
  - *Michelle moved to approve all proposed officers; Summers seconded, approved unanimously.*

Adjourn at 7pm.