Governing Council Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2017

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:_ Michelle Otero, Summers Kalishman, Javier Garcia, Rachel McCormick, Josue Olivares, Noel Chilton

_GC Members Absent:_ Sasha Pellerin

_Others Present:_ SVA Staff: Julie Radoslovich, Heidi Gomez, Jenn Gable, Adrian Martinez

Commenced at 5:15pm.

1. Welcome
   a. Introductions were made
   b. Reviewed agenda for current meeting, with no changes made.
   c. Reviewed minutes from December 2016 GC Meeting. _Michelle motioned to approve minutes, Noel seconded, approved unanimously._

2. Public Forum
   a. The Art Department presented a public forum. Adrian Martinez noted that the high school began offering Advanced Placement (AP) Art this year for the first time. This course has 13 students enrolled. They will be assessed by a national panel based on their portfolio, to be submitted in May. In the Middle School, a recycled art mentorship program is underway for all 8th graders. The art show, presenting their work, will be held in April.

3. Financial Reports and Business
   a. Josue Olivares and Heidi Gomez presented a summary of Balance Sheet Reports, Statement of Revenues & Expenditures, and Reconciliation Reports. They noted that with impending state-wide budget cuts, SVA will need to consider how to offset the effects of both the budget cuts and the potential takeback of carryover funds (of which SVA has $1.1 million).
   b. The group discussed the solar panel project and middle school updates as critical to this conversation, and tasked the Communications Committee with drafting a memo on the issue.
   c. Two BARs were requested:
      1. Transportation, 13000, $228, needed to change a bus route;
2. Operational, 11000, $50,916, takes into account growth (last year received SEG for 590 students; expected 612 at 40th day).

Rachel move to approve both bars, Michelle seconded, approved unanimously.

4. Reports
   a. Subcommittee reports
      i. Communications Committee will next meet on Friday 13th at 10:30am.
      ii. The Development Committee will next meet on Friday 20th, time TBD.
      iii. The Board Development Committee will touch base via email about priorities and meeting times.
   b. Principal Reports
      i. See handout.

5. Other Business
   a. Annual Appeals Letters are being sent by Valentine’s Day to remaining GC members’ contacts.
   b. GC home addresses were confirmed.

Adjourned at 6:40.