Governing Council Meeting Minutes - May 11th, 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, Rachel McCormick, Josue Olivares, Noel Chilton, Javier Garcia

**GC Members Absent:** Sasha Pellerin, Noel Chilton

**Others Present:** SVA Staff: Thara Lechuga, Jenn Gable, Julie Radoslovich, Heidi Gomez

Meeting commenced at 5:15pm.

1. **Current Meeting Agenda and April Minutes Review:** Attendees reviewed the current meeting agenda and the April minutes. *Summers moved to approve, seconded by Josue, approved unanimously.*

2. **Service Learning Department Public Forum:** Thara provided an overview of the service learning departments many activities. Thara noted that the department has recently calculated some key statistics on the program, noting that students are placed each year at over 100 sites, and that collectively, students have provided approximately 21,720 hours of service since the program’s inception.

3. **Audit and Finance:** (see handout). Josue and Sasha discussed the April SVA finances. There were a number of BARs (see handout), including:
   - a. 29102- $5000
   - b. 29102- $215
   - c. 14000-$4,117

   *Rachel moved to approve all BARs, Summers seconded, approved unanimously.*

4. **Subcommittee Reports:**
   - a. **Development:** Julie, Michelle and Justin recently attended a meeting with the Kellogg Foundation.
   - b. **Board Development:** No updates.
   - c. **Communications:** No updates.
   - d. **Alumni:** No updates.

5. **Principal report:** see handout.

6. **Other Business**
a. **SVA Immigration Policy:** The SVA immigration policy has been updated (see attached), and was reviewed by attendees. *Summers moved to approve the updated policy, seconded by Rachel, approved unanimously.*

b. **Discuss proposed amendment of Governing Council Training:** Julie explained the likely increase in required GC member training hours by the state PED. GC members expressed their willingness to comply in order to remain on the governing council, but noted their strong sentiment that the trainings need to be relevant and in varied formats (ie. in-person, online, etc.) to make this change palatable.

c. **Final BAR approval conference call:** A final BAR approval conference call was scheduled for Wed, 7/31, at 1:30pm; information on this call will be sent separately to GC members.

Adjourned at 7:15pm.