Governing Council Meeting Minutes
February 14, 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:** Noel Chilton, Josue Olivares, Javier Garcia, Sasha Pellerin, Summers Kalishman, Michelle Otero

**GC Members Absent:** Rachel McCormick

**Others Present:** SVA Staff: Julie Radoslovich, Heidi Gomez

Commenced at 5:35

I. Welcome
   • Introductions
   • Agenda for present meeting was reviewed; no changes were made.
   • Reviewed minutes from January 2017 GC meeting. Summers motioned to approve minutes, Noel seconded, approved unanimously.

II. Public Forum
   • **Spanish Department:** MS and HS: the Spanish Department shared samples of standards, student work.
   • **Director of College Transition:** Sandra Aaron reiterated goal that 85% of SVA graduates continue on to college. Each student will have completed an application, been accepted to college, and has a date to attend orientation at the college of their choice. For classes 2009 – 2013, percentages of girls and boys going to college is about the same. The following year, the percentage of boys went down. From 2009 through 2013, the percentage of graduates attending college increased steadily. In 2014, the percentage decreased. 2014 was also the year that the number of students attending a 2-year college equaled the number of those attending a 4-year college. The class of 2017 is the first that will graduate having had 4 years of mentorship. Sandra also presented on the impact of ACT prep. From 2010-2017, 87% of students have taken the ACT.

III. Financial Reports and Business
   • Josue and Heidi Gomez presented a summary of Balance Sheet Reports, Statement of Revenues & Expenditures, Reconciliation Reports, Bank Statements, Budget Summaries by Fund Account.
• Audited Financials were also presented along with Statement of Net Position. Looking at the Total Net Position, we have a deficit of 2,403,951 because we have to contribute to pension liability.
• SVA will lose about $100,000 due to state budget shortfall.

• Eight BARs were requested:
  ▪ 29102, Private grant, $169
  ▪ 11000, Operational, $2,431
  ▪ 29102, Private grant, Alan Marks, $5000
  ▪ 11000, Operational, $190,695.00
  ▪ 14000, Instructional materials, $4,318
  ▪ 31600, HB33, $73,625
  ▪ 31400, Special Capital Outlay, $46,250
  ▪ 21000, Food Services, $2,790

  Michelle moved to approve, Josue seconded, approved unanimously.

IV. Reports
• Principal Report, Julie Radoslovich (see handout).
• Subcommittee reports
  i. Communications: Noel and Julie met with students to hear about their stories about immigration; Noe had developed them into a draft Op Ed. What is the message we want to get across? Some kind of political action (e.g. destination of sanctuary cities), volunteer/donate to non-profits that work with immigrants, highlight stories of immigrants, offering solutions (diverting funds from border control places to places where immigrants are coming from).
  ii. Development: Noel requested that Michelle reach out to United Way regarding having SVA listed (rather than written in).
  iii. Alumni: Nothing to report.
  iv. Audit and Finance: see notes above.

V. Other Business

• Military Leave Policy Implementation—See handout

  Michelle moved to approve, Summers seconded, approved unanimously.

• Donation Letters
  o The appeal letter that went out in December has raised $8,000.
  o Julie reminded GC to submit signed letters to Kyna Wade ASAP.

Adjourned at 6:40 pm.