Governing Council Meeting
August 6, 2011 9:00 a.m.

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I. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Present: Kata Sandoval, Carmen Rodriguez, Henry Rael, Renee Ornelas, Alicia Maldonado, Summers Kalishman, Juan Abeyta, Julie Radoslovich, Justin Trager, Christina Herrera, Anette Sanchez.

II. Public Forum
Two South Valley Academy teachers (please add names) attended the meeting to express their concerns about the 218 Agreement that the SVA needs to adopt in order to be in compliance. They both stated that they would like for the GC to support the teachers in making the decision on how to move forward with the 218 Agreement since it pertains to their retirement and money.

SVA GC President Juan Abeyta announced that he is officially resigning from the governing council as of August 6, 2011. He has taken on new responsibilities with his current job and will be traveling every month, which will make it difficult to continue in his position on the board. The GC and SVA thanks Juan for all his hard work over the years!

III. The minutes of the June 2011 meeting were reviewed.
Motion by Summers to approve; second by Henry; passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Reports and Business
Carmen presented the following financial reports for the month of June 2011 to the GC:
   • Balance Sheet Reports
   • Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as of 6/30/11
   • Budget Summary by Fund Report as of 6/30/11
     o Carmen was able to expend all necessary monies for the school funds and those few that were not zeroed out will be carried over, i.e.: 1400 Fund for Instructional Materials, 2100 Fund for Food Services, 26185 Fund for Coalition of Essential Schools, 26188 Fund for CEI, 29102 Fund for Albuquerque Community Foundation.
     o We are also still awaiting a few reimbursements.
   • June 2011 Bank Account Statements and reconciliations
   • 2011 Expenditure Analysis
     o $419,847 is carried over and will have to be BARed in
     o Carmen presented a one-pager that provides an analysis of how funds were spent in 2011. In all, we spent less money in 2011 than 2010 in the following areas: Salaries/compensation, Benefits, Professional &
Technical Services, Purchased Property Services, Other contract services, Supplies, Property-fixed assets.
- We are going on 3 years of budget cuts.

No BARS to process.

V. Reports
Principal Report:
Highlights:
✓ Facilities:
  - Alan and Kata continue to work on the sale of CEI land to APS. They are negotiating APS to get as close to 2.6 million as possible, the original about of the appraised value of the land.
  - Kata has struck a deal with Kizito Wienje to use SVA HB33 monies to remove the portables that have asbestos. APS did not want to be responsible for removing these portables. This was an administrative decision on the part of Kizito and does not go in the purchase agreement.
  - APS would like to present the purchase of the land to their Board for approval at their September meeting.
✓ Through AI, SVA met with the Sherriff, who is a native of the South Valley and confirmed with him that deputies would not ask residents about legal status so long as it doesn’t pertain to a crime. This is a great accomplishment as SVA tries to keep its community members and students free from harassment.
✓ Through AI and the Alliance Schools Network SVA had its second meeting of Principal’s Caucus. The group now includes the following schools: Atrisco, Armijo, Barcelona, Los Padillas, Kit Carson elementary schools, Ernie Pyle Mid School, RFK and SVA. The principals of Valle Vista and Navajo Elementary are going to join as well. There is overwhelming support of the caucus, especially since Brooks eliminated the clusters.
✓ SVA teacher Claire Jellinek has been selected as one of 16 teachers nationwide for a Teaching Ambassador Fellowship in Washington DC. She will be on sabbatical this coming year to attend.

Building Committee Report:
We have our 95% review with APS and the architects on Wednesday, August 17th at 7:30am. Alan Marks, Kata Sandoval and Alicia Maldonado will attend.

VI. Other Business
Principal Evaluation Plan for AY 2011-2012: Kata presented her Principal Self-Assessment and PDP to the GC for review and feedback. (on file)
Motion by Renee to approve; second by Henry; passed unanimously.

Updated Hiring Manual and T&E Policies: State now requires charters to redo their T&E Policies to have documentation showing training and experience. The higher the T&E the more money in the budget.
Motion by Summers to approve; second by Renee; passed unanimously.
218 Agreement: The Social Security Administration has recently determined that the 29 charter schools are separate and distinct entities from their chartering authority. The 29 schools should not have received Social Security coverage under their chartering authority. The SVA will have to determine how to move forward and decide if it will continue to pay Social Security. If so, the governing council must pass a resolution authorizing a referendum of employees on the question of whether employees want to be covered by Social Security. SVA will have a representative from Vanguard come and talk to the school about the various options that exist regarding benefits. The majority of the GC agreed that the SVA staff should make the decision on how to move forward regarding their benefits. Once the SVA staff has had a chance to talk with the Vanguard representative and amongst themselves then the GC will take formal action.

Schedule of GC Meetings for the year: Meetings will continue to be held the 1st Tuesday of the month starting October 4th at 5:15pm. In September the meeting will be held Wednesday the 14th at 5:15pm.

SVA Open Meetings Resolution: Presented by Juan Abeyta. The plan was approved with the amendment regarding the September GC Meeting, which will be held on September 14, 2011 at 5:15pm.

Motion by Alicia to approve; second by Henry; passed unanimously.

GC Officers Election and Audit & Finance Committee appointments:
Formal Election: Alicia elected president of the board; Henry elected Vice President/Secretary

Audit & Finance Committee: Henry to remain on the committee. When we add another GC member we can add another member to the A&F Committee.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:28am.