Govern ing Council Meeting
September 4, 2012 – 5:15pm

I. Welcome
   a. Introductions
   b. Review Agenda
   c. Review/Approve Minutes from August 2012 meeting

II. Public Forum

III. Financial Reports and Business
    - Presentation of July 2012 Financial Statements:
      Balance Sheet Reports
      Statement of Revenues & Expenditures
      Reconciliation Reports
      Bank Statements
      Budget Summaries by Fund Account

    - Budget Adjustment Requests

IV. Reports
    a. Principal Report

V. Other Business
    a. Approval of Title 9 assurances
    b. Presentation/update on Support Services by Justin Trager
    c. Presentation/update on English Department and Mid School Design by Sean Ottmer
    d. Postponement of Financial Reports until October since Carmen is on personal leave.

VI. Upcoming Events

VII. Adjourn
South Valley Academy
Principal Report
September 4, 2012

Facilities
A. APS received 5 bids from general contractors. The selection committee is now meeting to review the bids, and will present their choice before the full APS Board on October 2, 2012, for their approval. After that, we can break ground.

Budget/Reporting
A. Julie Radoslovich and I attended an APS training on webEPSS. Julie is now in the process of completing it.
B. We will have an Instructional Audit in mid-October with APS officials since we are a Focus School.

Discipline
A. We had one incident this month that occurred during the third week of classes between two ninth grade students. I reported the incident to authorities, and there is an ongoing investigation happening with the Sheriff’s Department.

Enrollment
A. We currently have 256 students and a long waiting list.

Staffing
A. Nothing new to report.

Highlights
A. Our CALL team spent a week in Providence, and are very excited about the project! They are now beginning to try out literacy strategies that they are learning directly in their classrooms.
B. With AI, we hosted a Legal Fair in our gym on Saturday, August 25th. Nearly 60 current students and alumni who are undocumented got individual consultations with immigration lawyers free of charge regarding Deferred Action.
C. Julie Radoslovich, AP Spanish teacher Carli Maldonado, and I are participating in PED’s pilot program for observation protocol.
D. Our annual hike up the Sandia Mountains will be September 28th—you are welcome to join us!
E. Sean Ottmer held a Saturday retreat with our Mid School Design Team.
F. We are initiating our new A+ remediation program, which we are piloting with our seniors this year.
G. We had our first advisory fieldtrip last Friday. While it was great, we had the misfortune of having a 9th grader fall and fracture his ankle while roller skating.
H. RFK Director Robert Baade and I have been working together to find funding for the planning and implementation of our expansions to include mid schools. We met with Senator Linda Lopez and County Commissioner Art de la Cruz. We will
meet with County Commissioner Hart Stebbins on September 10th. And we are scheduling a meeting with Albuquerque Business Community since they have money to develop community based schools.

I. We are an official member of Justice Matters, a national organization of public schools (mostly charters) whose mission is to help raise the work of schools that are doing social justice work with students of color. There are 5 schools in the network—SVA, one in Oakland (June Jordan), one in Chicago, and two in the Bronx. I will represent SVA at their upcoming conference during the first weekend in October, which will be held in Oakland. My focus is to learn about best practices around literacy among ELL students and how to better serve the needs of young men of color.