Governing Council Meeting
Nov 12, 2013 at 5:15 p.m.

* MINUTES *

I. The meeting was called to order at 5:15p.m. GC Members Present: Augustine Chavez, Rachel McCormick, Alicia Lueras Maldonado, Summers Kalishman and Margaret Montoya; All Others Present: Julie Radoslovich, Carmen Rodriguez, Kata Sandoval, Justin Trager, Sasha Pellerin, Carla Gatey, David Bryant and Jacob Kolander

II. Public Forum
a. Presentation by Jacob Kolander, Chair, English Department
   i. Mr. Kolander presented the department’s vision and process for this past year. Vision: in the spirit of less is more, students will learn to master a smaller set of skills through repeated practice. Process: the English department met to define what they hoped to achieve with students. Skills ranged from public speaking to creative expression and from “building confidence” to “feeling well rounded.”

b. Presentation by Sasha Pellerin, former SVA student. She is interested in joining the Governing Council and submitted her resume and letter of intent. Her particular interest is in serving as a liaison between students, staff and the board and to engage alumni. No action taken. The governing council thanked her for her time and let her know they would review her resume and letter.

III. Approval of October minutes.

Motion by Summers to approve; second by Augustine; passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Reports and Business
A. Audit & Finance Committee met today at 4:15pm. Present: Carmen Rodriguez, Alicia Lueras Maldonado, Rachel McCormick, Julie Radoslovich, Sean Ottmer and Kata Sandoval. Carmen presented the September 2013 Financials. Next A&F meeting will be on December 3, 2013 at 4:15pm.

B. Presentation of September 2013 Financial Statements - Carmen Rodriguez presented the following reports
   1. Balance Sheet Reports as of September 30, 2013
   2. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as of 9/30/13

C. Budget Adjustment Requests – No BARs presented today. Carmen did present the Title 1 Award Letter for approval so that she can BAR that money.

Motion by Alicia to approve; second by Summers; passed unanimously.
V. Reports
a. Principal Report (see attached)

VI. Other Business

a. Board Recruitment: Alicia needs to reach out to Jabeen Vagh again to see if she is interested in joining our Audit and Finance Committee or the board.

b. Action item: Approval of Performance Contract with APS
   i. All schools are being put on a performance contract with APS. This is a result of new legislation that was passed this pass February. All districts and charters have to comply. Ms. Sandoval presented her thoughts on the Pros & Cons of this new legislation: Pro – allows charters to set their measures. Cons – in the past many charters have had trouble with their finances. This may be one reason why the legislation is requiring approval from APS when charters have purchases over 20K. Ms. Sandoval would like to see if SVA could be exempt from this since we have fiscal solvency of the years. There were also questions about how we continue to set high goals that are achievable for SVA and how this affects our charter renewal. Recommendation that SVA hold itself to a high standard and report out on internal goals.

Motion by Margaret to approve; second by Summers; passed unanimously.

c. Action Item: Approval of P-Card Policy
   i. SVA has a new P-Card Policy. Recommendations on current policy are: 1) add a Title to the Policy “Procedure for Handling PCard”; 2) number the sections

Motion by Margaret to approve with the recommendations; second by Summers; passed unanimously.

VII. Upcoming Events
b. Next GC Meeting is December 3, 2013.

Adjourn at 6:50 p.m.