



**Board of Trustees**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 22, 2016**

Don Brann, Vice President	Matthew Wunder, Chief Executive Officer, Da Vinci Schools
Brian Meath, Treasurer	Tom Cox, Chief Financial Officer, Da Vinci Schools
Israel Mora, Trustee	Nathan Barrymore, Principal, Da Vinci Communications
Jennifer Morgan, Trustee	Michelle Rainey, Principal, Da Vinci Innovation Academy
	Kate Parsons, Principal, Da Vinci Design
	Steve Wallis, Principal, Da Vinci Science
	Scott Weatherford, Director, Da Vinci Institute, Da Vinci Schools
	Kim Merritt, Director, Da Vinci Extension, Da Vinci Schools
	Yolanda Saldana-Bautista, Director of Employee Support Services, Da Vinci Schools
	Gloria White, Data and Accountability Coordinator, Da Vinci Schools
	Natasha Morse, Director, Real World Learning, Da Vinci Schools
	Kari Croft, Fellow, Da Vinci Schools
	Rocio Ansari, Executive Assistant, Da Vinci Schools
	Tom Johnstone, Superintendent, Wiseburn Unified School District

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:01PM.

**From the Board**

Dr. Brann attended the Facilities meeting on Friday, February 19. There was a lot of emphasis on the budget, but all is going well with the new campus project so far.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from January 25, 2016 were approved with no changes.

**First: Mr. Meath**

**Second: Ms. Morgan**

**Motion Carries: 4-0**

**Board Approval**

**Item # 1,2,3,6,7,8,9**

**Approved as follows:**

**First: Mr. Mora                      Second: Mr. Meath                      Motion Carries: 4-0**

**Item #10**

**First: Mr. Mora                      Second: Dr. Brann 4-0                      Motion Carries: 4-0**

**Item #4**

**First: Mr. Mora                      Second: Mr. Meath                      Motion Carries: 4-0**

**Item #5**

**First: Mr. Mora                      Second: Ms. Mora                      Motion Carries: 4-0**

**Item #11**

**First: Ms. Morgan                      Second: Mr. Meath                      Motion Carries: 4-0**

**Board Approvals Pulled**

None

**Alumni Update (by: Scott Weatherford and Gloria White)**

Dr. Weatherford shared that the Margolis and Kayne Scholar Grants required alumni support. He introduced two Da Vinci teachers who are serving as alumni mentors. Ms. Katie Kondo, a Calculus teacher at Da Vinci Science, and Mr. Russell Stoll, English teacher from Da Vinci Design.

Ms. Kondo shared that the mentors are mainly working with Da Vinci alumni who are attending CSUDH, El Camino College, and Santa Monica College. Her role is to encourage the students to stay in college and be successful at the schools they are attending. The alumni mentors are hosting social events such as lunches and reunions to keep in touch with students so that we can track their school status and maintain relationships with them.

Mr. Stoll added that it is important to show our alumni that we care about their success. The alumni mentors are collecting current contact information for these students such as emails and phone numbers. In addition to the alumni support, the mentors are also working with a group of Kayne Scholars. This scholarship from the Kayne Foundation is supporting six Da Vinci alumni students who are attending a UC or Cal State and is funding whatever financial aid is not covering. The alumni mentors are having formal check-ins with the Kayne Scholar recipients.

Ms. White shared the following statistics about Da Vinci alumni:

- 52% chose to attend 4-year schools (despite 80% being admitted)

- 30% of Da Vinci graduates chose a community college or 2-year school
- 18% did not enroll in college immediately after high school
- Graduates who go to a 4-year school are more likely to go to a CSU than any other campus
- 9% of students go to out of state schools

Dr. Brann asked why students are not enrolling in college or dropping out of college. Dr. Weatherford shared that we have put together focus groups to help us determine these factors. Some of the reasons students are not attending college are: mental health, depression, anxiety, and the high costs of college.

Ms. White and Dr. Weatherford are tracking Da Vinci college retention and graduation rates. Overall, we would like to see the success of all Da Vinci alumni.

### **Financial Update (by: Tom Cox)**

Budget Report: The Second Interim Report will be available at the March 22, 2016 board meeting. This report will provide a better idea of where we stand with the budget.

The Kayne Foundation gave us \$69K and that money went to pay directly for the six Kayne Scholars (mainly for tuition or student related services).

Mr. Mora suggested we need to talk about total revenue in the coming budget.

Mr. Cox believes we are in a good financial position overall. He believes that if we continue to set money aside, this will only help us.

Facilities Report: The Del Aire Campus will be the future home of Da Vinci Innovation Academy. The campus needs some upgrades and modernization work, so we need to see if there is eligibility at the state level. At this point, we are not to exceed \$11,600 to determine that eligibility.

Da Vinci Communications will need to add three portables to support its enrollment growth. We are currently working on getting estimates for the portables. Also, we will need to bring in a unit for the Special Education program. We are hoping to bring these onto campus by July.

### **Closed Session**

Meeting entered into Closed Session at 7:22 PM.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:13 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.