



**Meeting of the Board
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

Chet Pipkin, President	Matthew Wunder, Chief Executive Officer, Da Vinci Schools
Don Brann, Vice President	Tom Cox, Chief Financial Officer, Da Vinci Schools
Israel Mora, Trustee	Nathan Barrymore, Principal, Da Vinci Communications
Jennifer Morgan, Secretary	Kate Parsons, Principal, Da Vinci Design
Roger Bañuelos, Trustee	Michelle Rainey, Principal, Da Vinci Innovation Academy
	Steve Wallis, Principal, Da Vinci Science
	Kim Merritt, Director, Da Vinci Extension, Da Vinci Schools
	Yolanda Saldana-Bautista, Director of Employee Support Services, Da Vinci Schools
	Steve Rabas, Director of Fiscal Services, Da Vinci Schools
	Chris Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Wiseburn Unified School District
	Rocio Ansari, Executive Assistant, Da Vinci Schools

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Presentation (by: Lily Craig from Chevron)

Dr. Wunder introduced Ms. Craig, External Affairs Manager from Chevron Products Company, who came to present a check in the amount of \$65K to Da Vinci Schools. Per Ms. Craig, the funds are to further advance Project Lead The Way.

From the Board

Mr. Mora discussed the open house at Cabrillo Elementary. He was impressed with the self-presentations and PowerPoints put together by the students.

Dr. Brann acknowledged the late Dr. Ray Haynes and shared that he is thankful for the scholarships that are given to our high schools on his behalf. He hopes that our Trustees will attend the tribute to Dr. Haynes at the Da Vinci Science Awards Night on June 3rd (held at Oceanside Fellowship Church in El Segundo). Dr. Brann is very thankful to Dr. Haynes as he was always a big supporter of Da Vinci Schools. Dr. Brann also shared that he met with the Continental Development Officials for the City of El Segundo, and together they visited Murad, JustFab, and DaVita which are modern companies that occupy older buildings. Dr. Brann believes that our students are up to date with these modern workforce demands. Additionally, he believes our students are well prepared to seamlessly transition to any work environment.

Mr. Bañuelos attended that First Robotics Competition celebratory banquet last Friday on May 20, 2016. He thanked Mr. Aaron Tostado and all the teachers and volunteers for leading the First Robotics team. He is very proud of all the successes and realizes how much hard work and dedication it requires.

Ms. Morgan attended the Da Vinci Extension night at 72andSunny. They were raising awareness for potential sponsors who were present that night. She learned about the internship opportunities that are available for our grade 13 program. Ms. Morgan said she'd like to brainstorm with Ms. Merritt, Director of Da Vinci Extension, to explore more ideas for the Da Vinci Extension program.

Mr. Pipkin said we have so much to be grateful for and acknowledged the Trustees for their level of involvement with Da Vinci Schools.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from April 18, 2016 were approved with no changes.

First: Dr. Brann

Second: Mr. Mora

Motion carries: 4-0

Mr. Pipkin abstained since he was not present at the April 18, 2016 meeting.

Board Approval

Items # 1,2, 6-9, 11, 15, 17

First: Mr. Mora

Second: Mr. Bañuelos

Motion carries: 5-0

Board Approvals Pulled

3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16

Mr. Bañuelos asked for clarification on the difference in the math policies for each of the high schools. He wanted to know why the policies are different.

Ms. Parsons explained that students are tested at different times because different times of year are more convenient for some schools than other. It is all a timing issue.

Dr. Wunder shared that **Approval #5** was pulled off from the approvals and will be brought back to the Board at the June meeting since a technical piece was missing from the policy presented.

Mr. Bañuelos asked for more insight on the enrichment program at Da Vinci Innovation Academy. Ms. Rainey shared that enrichment are elective activities beyond the core curriculum. The purpose is to bring enrichment to DVIA and provide opportunities for families to participate on campus. This is something that has been done yearly and it was brought to the Board for renewal.

Dr. Wunder stated that **Approval #10** would be discussed in closed session.

The Trustees inquired about the request to approve the AA and Bachelor's Degree program offered through College for America at Southern New Hampshire University. The cost is \$5,500 per student per year, of which \$2,500 would be reimbursed to Da Vinci for wraparound services provided by Da Vinci Extension. For Pell Grant recipients, there would be no cost associated with the program. At this time,

Da Vinci would like to pilot a group of 10-20 students. Dr. Wunder added that this is an added pathway to Da Vinci Extension, so UCLA Extension classes would still be available. The following majors are available to students in the Bachelor's degree pilot program: Healthcare Management, Business, and Communications. There is also the option for students to obtain an AA in general studies. The content is delivered online and online resources are available to help support students. There are also wraparound services (provided by Da Vinci Extension) to help achieve the competencies.

Dr. Jones added that students will receive a competency based transcript from College for America as well as a traditional transcript from Southern New Hampshire University. We are targeting students who have graduated and have not made any decisions about school or where they will go. Additionally, we are targeting Da Vinci alumni who have dropped out of college or those who are considered struggling students.

Ms. Merritt added that the program cohorts are similar to that of Da Vinci Extension. She also clarified the following: There will be coaches to help students with specific content areas, students will come to campus for live sessions, and the program is independent study in name but there will be lots of support available to the students. She also noted that this group of students will not have any interactions with our high school students to keep the idea of college students separate than that of high school students. The College for America pathway will be using Da Vinci classrooms and space, but not during the regular school hours that our high schools operate.

In sum, the AA and Bachelor's Degree program through College for America have been requested to be brought back for ratification, but were Board approved as a pilot program subject to final ratification. Mr. Pipkin asked if the Board was in favor to entertain a motion, sign, and approve that we will go forward with the agreement to College for America and Southern New Hampshire University. This was approved and voted unanimously 5-0 -subject to final ratification.

Approved as Follows:

3,4, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16

First: Mr. Mora

Second: Mr. Banuelos

Motion carries: 5-0

Financial Update/ May Revise (by: Tom Cox)

The governor's proposal is similar to what he proposed in January, but is still awaiting legislation. The governor has also proposed increasing the LCFF. In addition, he has set aside a small amount of one-time money. Mr. Cox does not recommend that we use this one-time money until we are at the new campus.

The governor is putting more money into the rainy day fund. To date, \$1.5 billion dollars have been put on reserves by the state.

Mr. Cox believes we are doing well overall, and we do not need to be concerned about where we are fiscally this year or where we will be next year. A budget will be prepared for the Board's approval at next month's meeting on June 20, 2016. We will have a better idea of where the budget stands next month. Mr. Cox also plans on discussing costs for the new campus at June's meeting.

Closed Session

Meeting entered into Closed Session at 7:26 PM.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 9:21 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.