



Da Vinci Schools

Minutes

Da Vinci RISE High Manager Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 5:30 PM

Location

Galileo Room, 2nd Floor, 201 N. Douglas Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

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Trustees Present

A. Lofton (remote), B. Meath (remote), D. Brann, I. Mora, J. Morgan

Trustees Absent

C. Pipkin, R. Bañuelos

Guests Present

A. Wohlwerth, C. Jones, C. Levenson, M. Mayotte, M. Rainey, M. Ring, M. Wunder, Y. Saldaña-Bautista

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Brann called a meeting of the board of trustees of Da Vinci Schools to order on Wednesday Apr 18, 2018 @ 5:37 PM at Galileo Room, 2nd Floor, 201 N. Douglas Street, El Segundo, CA 90245.

C. Public Comments

Bob Tarnofsky of Continental Development Corporation spoke about the Da Vinci Schools' Design Charrette which was held in February, 2018 to begin design of the Incubator/Sandbox, envisioned as a collaborative space where the business community and K-12 and college educators can work together. The Design Charrette was led by a team of Gensler architects and Mr. Tarnofsky with participants from UCLA Extension, Southern New Hampshire University, Year Up, El Camino College, and Mar Ventures, as well as Da Vinci Schools and Wiseburn Unified School District.

Mr. Mora asked about next steps. He would like to hold a meeting with Board members and the members of the design charrette team. Ms. Morgan wanted to ensure the needs of the school programs are met.

II. Information

A. From the Managers

Mr. Mora gave a brief facilities update. The pool concrete has been poured and that the soccer field should be discussed.

Dr. Brann said the date of opening of the pool seemed to be a source of confusion. He also mentioned the College for America benefit event honoring Kari Croft and Erin Whalen, Principal and Assistant Principal of RISE High.

B. From the CEO

Dr. Wunder spoke about the Da Vinci RISE High charter petition and the incredible amount of work it required to complete. Consultants Maria Hwang de Bravo and Jennifer Gomeztrejo were of great help. Dr. Wunder mentioned the RISE High LLC, saying that the risk factors that led to the creation of the LLC no longer exist. Legal counsel and the CFO recommend dissolving the LLC and

folding RISE High into Da Vinci. The integration of the back office services and other services will be a logistical and cost savings.

Dr. Wunder spoke about the frequency of meetings, the fact that we do not fully utilize each trustee's expertise, and the difficulty in aligning each trustee's schedule to meet each month. He would like the trustees to consider a new Board structure, which would require coordination with WUSD and alterations to the MOU with the district.

Dr. Wunder suggests meeting six times per year for longer meetings, and using committees to support the work of the Board. Ms. Morgan asked whether or not such a structure would require more time for approval of action items. Dr. Wunder said that the finance approval threshold could be raised to compensate.

C. Financial Update

Mr. Mayotte spoke about the 2nd Interim report having been approved at the March 29 Special meeting.

He spoke about the Da Vinci Fund, and consolidating the back office services, which would greatly simplify the work.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the 3/28/2018 Special Manager Meeting

- I. Mora made a motion to approve minutes from the Da Vinci RISE High Special Manager Meeting on 03-29-18.
- J. Morgan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Brann Aye

C. Pipkin Absent

A. Lofton Aye

J. Morgan Aye

I. Mora Ave

B. Meath Abstain

R. Bañuelos Absent

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Da Vinci RISE High Charter Petition

- J. Morgan made a motion to Approve.
- B. Meath seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Closing Items

A. Reconvene for Public Session/Closed Session Reporting

B. Adjourn Meeting

- D. Brann made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- I. Mora seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, A. Wohlwerth