



Da Vinci Schools

Minutes

Da Vinci Schools: L.A. County Special Board Meeting

Date and Time

Friday March 29, 2019 at 8:00 AM

Location

Mona Lisa Room, 201 N. Douglas Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

Da Vinci Schools: L.A. County ("DVLAC") welcomes your participation at its Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") is to conduct the affairs of DVLAC in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our schools. To assist you in speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

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 2. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
 3. The Order of Business may be changed without notice. Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.
 4. Notice is hereby given that; consistent with the requirements of the Brown Act, special presentations not mentioned in the agenda may be made at this meeting. However, any such presentation will be for information only.
 5. "Request to Speak" forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of "Public Comments," which is time set aside for members of the audience to raise issues not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action on such comments. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Non-English speakers who use a translator shall have six (6) minutes in which to address the Board.
 6. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern. If you wish to be contacted, please indicate on the "Request to Speak" form.
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7. The chair will recognize such individuals who wish to speak on a specific agenda item at the appropriate time. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to adhere to the time limits set forth, and to not repeat remarks made by those who preceded them.
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Trustees Present

J. Morgan, L. Jennings, N. Whiteman (remote), P. Escala (remote), T. Johnstone

Trustees Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Wohlwerth, K. Croft, M. Mayotte, M. Ring, M. Wunder, V. Bravo

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Jennings called a meeting of the board of trustees of Da Vinci Schools to order on Friday Mar 29, 2019 @ 8:06 AM at Mona Lisa Room, 201 N. Douglas Street, El Segundo, CA 90245.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

Dr. Jennings took attendance.

C. Approval of Agenda

T. Johnstone made a motion to approve the agenda of the March 29, 2019 Da Vinci Schools: L.A. County Board meeting.

J. Morgan seconded the motion.

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

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

II. Board of Directors' Comments and/or CEO/CFO Reports

A. From the Board

Dr. Johnstone spoke about the challenges in working with the out-of-school youth population, and that he believes we have the right people in place to do this work.

Dr. Jennings thanked Dr. Johnstone, and spoke of having recently seen the statistic that there are approximately 63K homeless youth in L.A.

B. From the CEO

Dr. Wunder spoke about election of officers. Brief discussion ensued.

C. Report on March 13, 2019 LACOE Visit to Hawthorne and APCH Sites

Mr. Bravo spoke about the March 15 site-wide visit that Dr. Delia Castillo conducted at both the Hawthorne and A Place Called Home sites. Dr. Castillo looked at facilities, documents, interacted with students, and held brief discussions at both sites. She made some comments and suggestions, and her overall feedback was very positive. There were no major concerns or issues. Ms. Koatzin Cruz and Ms. Crystal Pojas, office managers at the sites, were able to procure requested documents for Dr. Castillo.

Dr. Ring spoke briefly about the SELPA plans and the challenges in assessing students with IEPs in this population where attendance can be inconsistent. She also said that Dr. Castillo's feedback was valuable and constructive.

Ms. Croft spoke with Dr. Castillo about metrics and measuring student success in this population. Ms. Croft is working with Da Vinci's Data and Accountability Coordinator, Ms. Gloria White, on the California Dashboard to ensure that RISE High is not penalized for metrics that do not apply to this population.

Dr. Wunder mentioned that he and Ms. Croft will present a staffing plan to the Board for approval at the next meeting on May 22.

Ms. Nichol Whiteman arrived via video.

D. Financial Update

Mr. Marshall Mayotte briefly spoke about the UCLA Anderson graduate student team's presentation on transportation at the previous unofficial meeting. They shared options including re-negotiating the contract with Hop Skip Drive, the ride provider, and purchasing a van. RISE High is currently spending about \$12K/month on transportation, \$2-3K of which is a loss due to cancellations, according to the UCLA team.

Mr. Mayotte shared that the new bank account has been opened, and XQ funds are awaited. Also, signing documents today will release ADA funds held at LACOE.

Enrollment and Average Daily Attendance (ADA) have been improving. Funding is based on ADA (the number of students who actually show up at school), not on enrollment. There are physical limitations on the number of students who can fit in the sites at one time, especially at APCH.

Unduplicated Pupil Percentage (UPP) is based on reporting of students in Homeless, Foster, Migrant, or Free & Reduced Lunch populations has increased from 65% to 70%, resulting in a significant increase in funding.

Dr. Wunder shared that he and Mr. Mayotte have spoken with legal counsel Ted Garey at XQ Institute about depositing future installments in the Da Vinci Schools Fund instead of Da Vinci Schools or Da Vinci Schools: L.A. County. The way in which Independent Study laws are written could result in a 15% giveback/penalty if the money is not spent on direct instruction. As a result, XQ support was \$1.6MM last year, and is 1.2MM this year. Mr. Mayotte says that RISE is

experiencing only 10% growth in expenses, which is good considering the 70% enrollment increase.

XQ is open to depositing funds into the Da Vinci Schools Fund. Our legal team is working on an MOU between Da Vinci Schools, Da Vinci Schools: L.A. County, and the Da Vinci Schools Fund, which will hopefully be ready at the next Board meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approve Minutes of the February 27, 2018 Special Board Meeting

T. Johnstone made a motion to approve minutes from the Da Vinci Schools: L.A. County SPECIAL Board Meeting on 02-27-19.

P. Escala seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

T. Johnstone Aye

L. Jennings Abstain

P. Escala Aye

N. Whiteman Aye

J. Morgan Abstain

B. Approve "Notes" from February 21 and March 20, 2019 Informational Meetings

L. Jennings made a motion to approve the Da Vinci Schools: L.A. County Informational Board Meeting (RISE High) on 02-21-19 and 3-20-19.

T. Johnstone seconded the motion.

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

IV. Action Items

A. Election of Board Officer(s) of Da Vinci Schools: L.A. County

T. Johnstone made a motion to elect Lida Jennings as Chair/President of the Da Vinci Schools: L.A. County Board of Directors.

J. Morgan seconded the motion.

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

L. Jennings made a motion to elect Jennifer Morgan as Secretary of the Da Vinci Schools: L.A. County Board of Directors.

P. Escala seconded the motion.

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

B. Certification of Signatures

L. Jennings made a motion to approve the Certification of Signatures document.

J. Morgan seconded the motion.

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

C. Check Register - February

T. Johnstone made a motion to approve the February Check Register.

L. Jennings seconded the motion.

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

D. Christy White Associates' Audit Contract

T. Johnstone made a motion to approve the Christy White Associates audit contract.

J. Morgan seconded the motion.

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

E. 2019-2020 RISE High Academic Calendar

L. Jennings made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 RISE High academic calendar.

J. Morgan seconded the motion.

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

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

T. Johnstone made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

J. Morgan 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 8:38 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Wohlwerth