



**Da Vinci Schools Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2014**

Chet Pipkin, President	Matthew Wunder, Chief Executive Officer, Da Vinci Schools
Don Brann, Vice President	Tom Johnstone, Superintendent, Wiseburn Unified School District
Cheryl Cook, Secretary	Chris Jones, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology, WUSD
Brian Meath, Treasurer	Steve Wallis, School Director, Da Vinci Science School
Art Lofton, Trustee (Absent)	Kate Parsons, School Director, Da Vinci Design School
Israel Mora, Trustee	Michelle Rainey, School Director, Da Vinci Innovation Academy
Jennifer Morgan Trustee	Nathan Barrymore, School Director, Da Vinci Communications
	Sharon Coulter, Director of Development, Da Vinci Schools.
	Allegra Williams, Director of Special Education, Da Vinci Schools
	Jaime Hernandez, Director of Information Technology, Da Vinci Schools
	Kim Merritt, Post Grade 12, Da Vinci Schools
	Miles Denniston, Charter School Management Corporation
	Jhezrel Valentine, Executive Assistant, Da Vinci Schools

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at **5:31 P.M.** by **Chet Pipkin**.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from September 22, 2014 were approved:

First: **Israel Mora**; Second: **Cheryl Cook**; Motion carries: **5-0**

Board Approvals

1-15, 18-20, 22

First: **Brian Meath**; Second: **Israel Mora**; Motion carries: **6-0**

Board Approvals Pulled

16-17, 21

First: **Don Brann**; Second: **Jennifer Morgan**; Motion carries: **6-0**

Note

Mr. Meath arrived at 5:40 P.M., after approval of Minutes.

From the Board -- No comment from the board.



Northrop Grumman Presentation:

Steve Wallis, School Director

Mr. Wallis shared there is a professor at Cal Poly who enjoys working with K-12. The bulk of the grant will go towards this professor making trips to Da Vinci to observe what we are doing in the classrooms, enabling him to coach our math professors on what colleges are expecting students to enter college knowing. Mr. Wallis also shared that a big problem has been that students graduate high school unprepared to take college level classes which causes them to take remedial math, extending their college stay and cost burden. Mr. Wallis further states that our teachers will be counseled on Vertical Alignment, which switches the focus to a four year math program, rather than one year programs for four years. A great distinction in how the subject will be addressed.

Dr. Wunder adds that this will be a model and transparent program, well supported.

Da Vinci Communications Presentation:

Nathan Barrymore/5 10th Grade Communication Students

Students presented the following, their first project of the year, on Conflict Minerals.

What is the current situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and what are conflict minerals?

Current Situation:

- Economic System
 - Poorest country in the world, barely any progression for the whole country for the past 300 years
 - Government of warlord
- Health
 - Sicknesses from sexual and war related violence
 - Up to 50,000 deaths every month

Conflict Minerals:

- Our minerals that contains a certain specialty that are useful in everyday products such as a cell phone or tablet
- In the Congo, due to the conflict that occurs people in different areas would fight for the minerals for money.
- These minerals are Tungsten, Tin Tantalum, and Gold

What can we do at Da Vinci to make a difference?

- Conflict-free Campus initiative (166 schools joined)
- Da Vinci and the CFCI
- Publicize the conflict
- Write to electronics companies as a whole
- Support companies striving to make change. (Ex. Intel, HP)



Special Education Update – El Dorado:

Allegra Williams, Director of Special Education

SELPA Application Update

On October 16, 2014, Mrs. Williams and Dr. Chris Jones traveled to Placerville, CA to attend a Potential Members meeting at the El Dorado Charter SELPA. The El Dorado County Charter SELPA was the first statewide charter only SELPA. The Charter SELPA is a cooperative model designed to ensure special education programs are available for all students with disabilities. Since 2007 the Charter SELPA has grown from four charter partners, operating 10 charter schools, to include 84 partners, operating 192 charter schools, representing over 85,000 students. Partnering charters organizations include ASPIRE, Alliance, and KIPP charter schools.

The El Dorado County Charter SELPA empowers Charter schools to succeed, by providing expertise, innovation, and individualized solutions. Support to Charter SELPA Partners is delivered through:

- Governance/CEO Council
- Special Education Program support
- Parent Support & Community Advisory Committee
- Special Education Business Office Support
- Special Education Legal Support
- Professional Development Support

The application portal website for 2015-16 membership was made available on October 16th, after the Potential New Members Meeting was complete. The timeline for new member applications to be submitted (on-line) is by mid-January 2015. The review process takes place in February 2015. Charters should be notified by March 2015. Charters should be notified by March 2015 of their acceptance, pending formal approval by CDE, which occurs in March/April.

The growth priorities of the El Dorado charter SELPA are outlined below:

First Priority: Expansions of existing Charter SELPA members (JPA, CMO, non-profits with two or more charters, or affiliated with a current Charter SELPA member developer) and State Board of Education approved charters.

Second Priority: New start-up charters affiliated with a CMO/JPA/other non-profit with two or more charters, or affiliated with a current Charter SELPA member developer. Such support would indicate a structure sufficient to ensure success; Charter currently operating as an LEA for special education, structure sufficient to ensure success; Charters affiliated with a current Charter SELPA member, but not within a CMO/JPA/other non-profit with two or more charter structure; and Charters whose authorization and/or continued authorization as a charter school is dependent upon seeking an outside SELPA approval.

Third Priority: Charters with two or more successful years of operation, but new to the Charter SELPA.

Fourth Priority: New start up charters not affiliated with a CMO/JPA/other non-profit with two or more charters.



Depending on the number of charters accepted in the first and second priority, the number of charters accepted in the third and fourth priority may be limited. The Selection Committee may establish a limit on the number of third and fourth priority charters. Such a limit will be determined in February of each year. The selection process occurs in February/March of each year and is then forwarded to the California Department of Education for final approval.

Financial Update:

Miles Denniston reports the following Year to Date Actual to Budget Summary

Account Description	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance \$	Variance %	Total Budget	Budget Remaining
Revenue Limit	\$667,978	\$345,876	\$322,102	93.1%	\$10,571,353	\$9,903,375
Federal Revenue	\$16,546	\$15,161	\$1,380	9.1%	\$432,875	\$416,330
Other State Revenue	\$7,983	\$1,877	\$6,105	325.2%	\$295,770	\$287,787
Local Revenue	\$137,384	\$60,084	\$77,300	128.7%	\$1,561,734	\$1,424,350
Total Revenues	\$829,890	\$423,003	\$406,887	96.2%	\$12,861,732	\$12,031,842
Certificated Salaries	\$141,814	\$110,000	(\$31,814)	-28.9%	\$5,546,821	\$5,405,008
Classified Salaries	\$230,675	\$144,682	(\$85,993)	-59.4%	\$1,382,653	\$1,151,977
Employee Benefits	\$213,503	\$287,284	\$73,781	25.7%	\$1,666,515	\$1,453,012
Total Personnel Expenses	\$585,992	\$541,966	(\$44,026)	-8.1%	\$8,595,989	\$8,009,998
Books and Supplies	\$760,377	\$305,395	(\$454,982)	-149.0%	\$914,474	\$154,097
Services & Other						
Operating Expenses	\$452,713	\$572,302	\$119,589	20.9%	\$2,539,160	\$2,086,447
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	0.0%	-	-
Other Outgo	-	-	-	0.0%	\$317,141	\$317,141
Total Operational Expenses	\$1,213,090	\$877,697	(\$335,393)	-38.2%	\$3,770,774	\$2,557,685
Total Expenses	\$1,799,081	\$1,419,663	(\$379,418)	-26.7%	\$12,366,764	\$10,567,682
Net Income	(\$969,191)	(\$996,660)	\$27,468	2.8%	\$494,969	\$1,464,160

✚ With regard to the financial reports generally submitted by CMSC, Mr. Pipkin and Mr. Meath requested to see a more detailed accounting, including more line entries, for analysis purposes.

Closed Session

Meeting entered into Closed Session at **7:10 P.M.**

Adjournment

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session and was adjourned at **8:15 P.M.**

✚ Denotes action item