

Da Vinci RISE High Manager Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the Da Vinci RISE High Managers was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Dr. Donald Brann.

Attendance

Members present:

Dr. Donald Brann, Jennifer Morgan, Israel Mora, Roger Bañuelos

Administrators present:

Dr. Matthew Wunder, Chief Executive Officer, Da Vinci Schools

Dr. Chris Jones, Chief Operating Officer, Da Vinci Schools and Deputy Superintendent, Wiseburn Unified School District

Marshall Mayotte, Chief Financial Officer, Da Vinci Schools

Dr. Mary Ring, Chief Student Services Officer, Da Vinci Schools

Kari Croft, Principal, Da Vinci RISE High

Yolanda Saldaña-Bautista, Director of Employee Support Services, Da Vinci Schools

Alison Wohlwerth, Administrative Manager, Da Vinci Schools

Tom Johnstone, Superintendent, Wiseburn Unified School District

Public Comments

No comments.

From the Managers

Ms. Morgan described attending the exciting XQ Live event. She said that to encourage participation and involvement, school board information was distributed via online links.

Mr. Mora thanked the Board for their kind words and condolences on the passing of his father.

Mr. Bañuelos said that his son attended the XQ Live event with some of his Da Vinci Science friends and enjoyed it.

Dr. Brann described the large cast and large number of celebrities at the XQ Live event, and congratulated Ms. Croft on being one of the ten winners of the XQ Super School prize.

From the CEO

Dr. Wunder said that he was grateful that RISE High is a part of Da Vinci, and that Ms. Croft has a rich background that makes the Da Vinci team better. He also said that Ms. Croft is grateful that they are

able to tap into the expertise of other Da Vinci teachers and principals, as well. The laughter, engagement, and focus of the RISE High students is inspiring. They're receiving a rigorous education, feeling successful, and want to be there.

Dr. Johnstone spoke about the IES Abroad alumni magazine *Exchange* article that described Erin Whalen's career and RISE High. <https://issuu.com/iesexchange/docs/2017-ies-abroad-exchange>

Ms. Croft said that RISE High was grateful for the opportunity to be part of the XQ Live event, remarking that it was the first time RISE High students from both sites met each other. RISE High currently has 60 students enrolled across the Hawthorne and A Place Called Home (APCH) sites. The number of students at APCH has doubled to 26. People called after viewing the XQ Live event, interested in enrolling or getting more information. Ms. Croft credited the RISE High teachers for their work with the students. She added that once a week, she, her mental health team, and those at APCH meet regarding cases, in order to best serve students.

Financial Update

Mr. Johnston of ExED presented the RISE High Financial dashboard he created, which shows enrollment, ADA, income, and balance sheet. This is a preliminary financial picture. The budget is being adjusted to reflect lower enrollment figures. According to Dr. Ring, the special education costs are lower than was expected. Mr. Mayotte said RISE High has not collected all XQ funds for the first year, but funds are being disbursed as needed. He added that the travel reimbursements for staffers who regularly travel between sites can be demonstrated by work schedules, as opposed to submission of separate travel reimbursement reports. The budget for this reimbursement was approved at the August, 2017 RISE High Manager meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular August 28, 2017 meeting were approved as follows.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Morgan

Second: Mr. Banuelos

Vote: 4-0-0

Approvals: 2 Items

Item #1: Los Angeles Transition Age Youth Collaborative (LATAY) MOU

The item was clarified:

LATAY Collaborative works with transition-age (18 year old) students leaving the foster system, providing transition resources and a curriculum created in collaboration with Columbia University. The MOU approves the handoff of LATAY Collaborative curriculum to RISE High for its use in training students. The LATAY Collaborative would retain its rights to the program. The LATAY Collaborative prefers to work directly with the school district because of their intellectual property rights and their agreement with Columbia University. If the RISE High Managers approve this item, it will be presented to the Wiseburn Board for approval.

Item # 1 approved as follows:

Motion: Mr. Mora Second: Mr. Bañuelos Approved: 4-0-0

Item #2: Adoption of policies, procedures, and handbooks for RISE High

The item was clarified:

All policies, procedures, and handbooks that apply to Da Vinci Schools (as separate from RISE High, LLC) will apply to RISE High. The intent is to ensure that protections afforded by the Da Vinci Schools policies and procedures extend to RISE High.

Motion: Mr. Mora Second: Mr. Bañuelos Approved: 4-0-0

Closed Session

Closed Session was entered at 6:04 p.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code §54956.9 (d)(2))

Public Session reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

Closed Session Reporting

Dr. Brann reported that no action was taken.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.