



Tyler Millsap, Principal

Da Vinci Charter Academy Advisory Board
1400 E. 8th Street Davis, CA 95616

Wednesday, February 8, 2017
6:00 PM – 6:50 PM

MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

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| 1) Audrey Borba | 7) Tyler Millsap |
| 2) Bruce Colby | 8) Rody Boonchouy |
| 3) Adela Johnson | 9) Helen Sutton |
| 4) Susan Kirby | 10) Scott Stephen Bell (absent) |
| 5) Kyra Parker | 11) Scott Thomsen (absent) |
| 6) Elaine Talley | |

II. General School Updates (6:06-6:10)

Recruitment under way: *Goal is 320 students at HS for 2017-18.*

Wi-Fi improvements in progress: *Access points updated to improve connectivity.*

Facilities improvements: *HVAC to be replaced week of June 20. New memorial bench for Andrew Fowles to be installed weather permitting. Previous organic seating did not withstand elements.*

New Coding Course for 2017-18. *On Board agenda for approval Feb. 16. Course introduced by industry professional and taught by DV teacher. Capstone would be internship.*

Community Builder/Auction – *March 11, 6-8 pm at Odd Fellows Hall. Support Boosters and attend this event.*

III. Review and Feedback on College Readiness Block Grant (6:10-6:45) *Governing board has to approve as we are a dependent charter. Two questions Mr. Millsap would like parent input relating to equity of grant and ideas about evenly allocating to all grades, i.e. having an a-g discussion at 9th grade; universal PSAT testing for all 9th grade which would help with benchmark.*



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Explanation of Block Grant & Relationship to LCAP Goal #4 *Goal is to provide support on unduplicated (historically disadvantaged students: foster, homeless, English Learner, low socio-economic disadvantaged) students in a subtle way. \$75K is the minimum level of state funding. Will be a lump sum. Plan to spend \$25k over 3 years. There are 34 students (9%) identified in grades 9-12.*

A. Board Questions:

- i) Have we allocated enough funding for testing & fees? *Do SAT prep classes, tests qualify? (more below)*
- ii) How might Da Vinci sustain these programs after expiration of the grant?

Notes taken by Adela:

III. Board Questions:

Is it college & career readiness or just college readiness?

Does this tie back to research?

Is there parent correlation?

Did parent(s) go to college?

Very high correlation to grades and success in college. Do students know what a college campus looks like?

Grades: Are we leveraging UC tutors to support academic success?

****Are there enough test prep programs available? Strongly want to have this on campus. Outsourcing or in house test prep.*

Is there FTE in house to offer test prep support?

Do we train staff to do this? Expertise extends to other students.

Visualize as college-going.

15 of 34 unduplicated students are seen for counseling or discipline which points to mental health/wellness support needs.

Counselors are already in connection with community members to support the mental wellness support.

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General commentary:

Teacher shortage in CA but DV is ok. Couple of math positions open. Will know final hiring needs in March. Mr. Boonchou mentioned PB2, a pre-service grant or pipeline to secure math teachers.

Student events posted on Echo Landing page. Updated by Ms. Roper, Leadership teacher. Debbie Martin updates the DVCA website.

IV. Closing and Future Meeting Dates/Events

A. Meeting Dates & Times:

1. March 8th (HS) – LCAP Discussion
2. April 12th (HS) – Final WASC Report Reviewed
3. May 10th (HS)

B. Important Events:

1. Review & Approval of Preliminary WASC Report (3/14)
2. Final WASC Committee Report (4/25)
3. Review & Approval of LCAP (End of May)

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Notes:

Teacher shortage: We are ok. Couple of math positions will need to be replaced. More final in March as Intent to Return forms were due in February.

PB2 - Pre-service grant is a pipeline to secure math teachers.



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