



**Tyler Millsap, Principal**

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Da Vinci Charter Academy Advisory Board  
2121 Calaveras Road, Davis, CA 95616  
**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**  
**5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

## **MINUTES**

### **Members in Attendance:**

- 1) Grace Allen, Student
- 2) Audrey Borba, Student
- 3) Adela Johnson, Staff
- 4) Joe Leach, HS Parent
- 5) Tyler Millsap, Principal
- 6) Annie Nelson, Vice Principal
- 7) Don Palm, Community Member
- 8) Helen Sutton, JH Parent
- 9) Elaine Talley, HS Parent

Absent: Kyra Parker, Scott Bell & Bruce Colby

- I. Welcome & Ice Breaker: Where do we want to see Da Vinci go over the next five years?
- II. **Review of Advisory Board Ideal Graduate Profile:** Finalized Ideal Graduate presented to Advisory Members.
- III. **Big Picture Thinking about the Future and Charter Renewal -**
  1. Review of selected data to determine areas of success and areas for improvement.  
Data reviewed: 2016-17 CAASPP scores, New Tech Staff and Student Culture Survey, School Profile, Enrollment Data, CWRA+ results.  
  
*Areas of success:*
    - 90% of students at both sites feel connected to school through their peers and with adults on campus.
    - CAASPP scores math – noted some success in achievement at high school level.
    - CAASPP score in ELA – slight increase at high school level.
    - Good to see opportunity for taking Sac City classes at HS campus.
    - CWRA+ results suggest that Da Vinci program increases students' preparation for college at a higher rate than other CWRA+ schools.
    - Competitive rates of college-going seniors.



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*Areas for improvement or growth:*

- Increase diversity (ethnic & gender)
  - CAASPP scores math –lower between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>; not seeing an increase trend once at high school.
  - Out of district enrollment continues to increase. How does this impact program. Consider prioritizing enrollment to students with Davis residency.
  - Students' self-report of College and Career readiness is low and shows a decline from junior high to high school.
  - School Profile: SAT mean score could improve from 1221 – this doesn't seem to be a competitive average score. Would like to see comparison to other DJUSD schools.
  - Low student self-report of college-readiness suggests a need for more support with SAT / ACT prep
  - Increasing SPED population with static levels of support. Need to know impact (positive or negative) of Special Education at the school
  - Staff appears increasingly strained by students requiring mental health supports.
  - Charter lays out tools which allows Administration to set percentages for in-district vs. out-of-district acceptance. Is this tool used?
  - If we turn away Davis JH potential students, we could possibly loose those students from attending DVHS. 7<sup>th</sup> grades students could lose interest if they don't get accepted initially.
2. What are some things we would like to know more about? Graduate students came up a lot. Graduate profile would be helpful to review. Need to see more in-depth answers about staff and student culture. Need to see more comparisons between DSHS and Da Vinci on college readiness (SAT/ACT scores, student reports of preparedness)

**Advisory has homework.** Read page 3 and 4 of the Charter. We will discuss at our next Advisory meeting on.

- IV. **Next meeting is** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 5:30pm to 6:29pm at the DVHS campus, 1400 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Davis