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Da Vinci Charter Academy Advisory Board

Meeting Location: Zoom

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Members in attendance via WebEx: M. Arevalos, C. Ashburne King, S. Bell, M. Diepenbrock, J. Dolan, A. Haug, A. Johnson, A.T. Kim, T. Millsap, K. Muir, A. Nelson, R. Nervo,

I. Welcome & Introductions:

- New JH Parent Representative Rachel Nervo

II. DVCA Administration Updates

- Start of Quarter 2 - Monday, November 2nd. New set of classes and teachers. Student are attending periods 1, 3, 5 and 7.
- Quarter 2 & 4 Back to School Nights. Similar format to previous BTSN.
 - DVHS - Monday, November 9th
 - DVJH - Monday, November 16th
- Facilities and Grant updates
 - K12 Strong Workforce Program Grant submitted. Would provide additional monies for equipment in Makers Space such as a dedicated computer lab, A/V Production class, etc.
 - Construction Timeline: Design plans submitted to DSA by mid-December. Projected completion of Administrative space and remodel of pre-school classes by 2021-22.
 - New construction projected to be complete by 2022-23. This would be the first year 9th grade students start at the high school. Allows for expansion of 7/8 grades.
 - Science labs construction underway at DVJH.
- DVCA Boosters Fix It Group - Identified 4-5 projects around campus to spruce up. Volunteer community service and social opportunity for parents. Josh Newman is point of contact. First event is weekend of November 7.
- WASC - 18 categories with rankings. DV ranked *effective* in 8 out of 18 and *highly effective* in 10 out of 18. Areas for growth also presented.
- DV is now required to do a School Site Plan. This is new to us. Draft forthcoming for some level of review and input. LCAP suspended by state of California because data and metrics are not available to develop a meaningful LCAP. However, entities that receive federal dollars have to do site plan or LCAP.

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- Will start new year LCAP cycle at the end of this year. Develop clear goals to be addressed over the next 3 years.
- Status of Phase II Re-Opening Plan. Re-opening for students requiring special education assessments placed on hold from last March. Next step within phase II allows small cohorts struggling the most in distance learning to return to campus. Metrics details to come. Cohort to consist of 1 teacher, 1 para and 14 students.

III. Advisory Member Updates

- none

IV. Agenda Items

- Review and approve DVHS Comprehensive School Safety Plan. Little to report due to Distance Learning. Changes are:
 - Safety week postponed until students return.
 - DJUSD emergency phone message 100% contact rate at HS.
 - Vendors on campus to check fire alarms.
 - Updated Emergency Contact Lists.
 - Using SECURLY, a more robust online system for tracking. Program monitors student activities while using school laptop. Staff reviewing and addressing. Emails, Google docs. Teachers responsible for monitoring chat.
 - Brainstorming ideas for recruitment testimonials from parents. We are partnering with Talon Entertainment on how we can showcase DV to students during a pandemic.
 - Suggestions are:
 - Acceptance of differences amongst students
 - Develop presentation skills. Able to speak well in public
 - Learning to advocacy for school and self
 - Recorded format
 - Testimonials from stakeholders about their experiences/views on the program.
 - So personal, incredible learning community
 - PBL
 - Look forward to upgraded Facilities
 - Admins/Teachers are responsive.
 - Aim video at student and parent audience.
 - Highlight CTE
 - Good job of preparing students (play it up)
 - Alumni voice
 - Laptops and technology – we were ready for Distance Learning
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- Emphasize that DV is meant to be a smaller, tight knit community
 - Emphasize staying power
 - Explain to parents how students will benefit from DV
 - Prepared for college, workforce or military
 - Makers Lab can train to lead to a job/attract industry partner(s).
 - Highlight industry partners and local business
 - Formalize industry coalition or committee now that there's CTE funding. Create the pipeline to one program to help build internships i.e. 6 month program with FMC project. We'll have the maker space with it.
 - Sean Glantz is in early stages of CTE Advisory
 - Signature projects are super impressive. Footage of previous signature events with voiceover.
 - Share stories from WASC committee visit.
 - Personalized message for every graduate at graduation
 - A personalized and connected community
 - Effectiveness of PBL
 - Exciting, forthcoming facilities projects
 - Students known amongst each other and staff
 - Staff and admin are responsive to parent and students needs
 - Exciting CTE program. Great job of preparing students for real world. Desirable employees.
 - Industry partnership
 - Include in messaging that we are part of DJUSD
 - Advisory invited to be in the video (testimonials)
 - Andrew (community liaison)
 - Martha (personalized graduation)
- Homework due in 1 month. Be prepared to share your message for feedback and refinement.
- Advisory members will bring a draft version of their “testimonial” to the next meeting on Nov 18 for critique and revision.

Upcoming Meetings

- November 18
- January 20, 2021
- February 17
- March 17
- April 21
- May 19

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