



Tyler Millsap, Principal

Da Vinci Charter Academy Advisory Board

Meeting Location: Zoom

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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

DVCA Admin Updates

- Back to School Night (quarter two)
 - DVJH - November 14th at 6:30 PM
 - DVHS - September 14th at 5:30 PM. Well attended. Approximately 250 attended.
- Campus enhancements
 - DVJH Admin. Building and Science Labs. Construction has begun. Expect to occupy mid-November.
 - DVHS: Final plans to Division of State Architect (DSA) Winter 2020; break ground during summer 2021; Preschool vacates by start of 2021-22.
- CTE Grant - Grant has been approved and we have been awarded \$3 million matching funds for facilities projects.

Advisory Member Updates

- DVCA Boosters are looking for more members.
 - Raised less than \$5K so far.
 - Received 8 teacher grants for project funding.
 - The Booster President is participating in district-wide PTA discussion to provide tutoring resources for families.

Agenda Items:

1. **WASC Accreditation Process** (Western Association Schools and Colleges)
 - WASC is the accrediting body of schools. Accreditation is essential for validity in the eyes of post-secondary school.



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- Official review by WASC Visiting Team begins [Tuesday 22 - Wednesday 30](#)

 - Visiting team will be:
 - Asking open-ended questions
 - Looking for growth, improvement areas.
 - Asking we speak to those areas of growth, improvement as well.

 - 2. [Learning Continuity & Attendance Plan \(LCP\)](#)** – DVCA was provided a share of COVID-19 funding. State of CA is requiring schools track student attendance and engagement. This is done through attendance at Zoom meetings, submission of assignments, or communication with teachers.
 - a. Highlights from the DVCA LCP:
 - i. Professional Development for Canvas and Zoom training.
 - ii. Student & Staff laptops. Tech refresh of 140 laptops.
 - iii. Course materials – CTE coursework, video cameras, art kits, additional hard copy books.
 - iv. Attendance & Engagement Tracking: Attendance rate for grades 7-12 is 96% during the first two weeks of school.
 - v. DVCA LCP was approved by BoE on 9/17.

 - 3. Advertising JH Parent Rep Seat tomorrow**
 - a. Mr. Millsap and Mrs. Nelson will advertise the open JH seat this week and hope to have it filled by next Advisory meeting

 - 4. Feedback on Distance Learning to date**
 - a. There has been a smooth transition from Echo to Canvas, the new Learning Management System is well organized and user friendly for both students and parents.
 - b. Fall Distance Learning is going much better than in the spring and the teachers are doing a great job, but students would prefer to be back in person.
 - c. Students appreciate opportunities for collaboration so the zoom breakout rooms have increased engagement and student connections.
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- d. Students do not feel comfortable being asked to exercise in Physical Education class on camera and the administration has been supportive of allowing students to turn their cameras off during exercise.
- e. Students are exhausted after their classes and while there is more collaboration and virtual social interaction this time, students really miss their friends and the in-person interactions that school typically provides.

Upcoming Meetings

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

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