



**Meeting of the Board
Board of Trustees
Monday, April 18, 2016**

Don Brann, Vice President	Matthew Wunder, Chief Executive Officer, Da Vinci Schools
Brian Meath, Treasurer, via phone	Tom Cox, Chief Financial Officer, Da Vinci Schools
Israel Mora, Trustee	Nathan Barrymore, Principal, Da Vinci Communications
Jennifer Morgan, Secretary	Kate Parsons, Principal, Da Vinci Design
Roger Bañuelos, Trustee	Michelle Rainey, Principal, Da Vinci Innovation Academy
	Steve Wallis, Principal, Da Vinci Science
	Scott Weatherford, Director, Da Vinci Institute, Da Vinci Schools
	Yolanda Saldana-Bautista, Director of Employee Support Services, Da Vinci Schools
	Carla Levenson, Director of External Relations, Da Vinci Schools
	Steve Rabas, Director of Fiscal Services, Da Vinci Schools
	Tom Johnstone, Superintendent, Wiseburn Unified School District
	Chris Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Wiseburn Unified School District
	Rocio Ansari, Executive Assistant, Da Vinci Schools

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Da Vinci Design Presentations (by: Students)

The meeting began with a presentation by seven Da Vinci Design 9th grade students.

Ninth grade English teacher, Reyanna Vance, and ninth grade Physics teacher, Christina Hannouche, explained that they worked with students to design a sustainable solution to the homeless problem in Los Angeles. This presentation was put together with the knowledge students have gained through an interdisciplinary projects across multiple subject areas.

As part of this project, students sent a letter to the Mayor, Alex Vargas, of The City of Hawthorne, to address the homeless issue. He has not yet responded to their letter.

From the Board

Mr. Meath shared that his company just wrapped up some internships with Da Vinci Extension students who did an outstanding job. His firm extended the employment for these students for further work.

Ms. Morgan congratulated Dr. Brann for being elected to the El Segundo City Council. He explained that ballots are still being counted by the city clerk to confirm the win. The win will not be known until Thursday, April 21st. The new councilman will be sworn in on May 3, 2016.

Mr. Bañuelos expressed that he really likes the partnership Da Vinci and Wiseburn schools have developed. He thanked Mr. Wallis for creating opportunities for Da Vinci Science students to work with the kindergarten students at Wiseburn schools.

Mr. Mora agreed with Mr. Bañuelos and also thanked Mr. Wallis for creating opportunities for his students to help Wiseburn students. He also gave an update on the construction of the new campus and said we continue to be on schedule. Lastly, he shared that he attended a State of the Union for the City of El Segundo. He believes they understand the importance of the schools and the City working together. The mayor of El Segundo believes that the El Segundo and Wiseburn school districts are two of the best in the country, and she has been very positive and supportive of the new campus.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from March 22, 2016 were approved with no changes.

Approved as follows:

First: Mr. Mora

Second: Ms. Morgan

Motion carries: 4-0

Mr. Meath abstained since he did not attend the March 22, 2016 meeting.

Board Approval

Items # 1-5, 7-15

Item #6 pulled for discussion.

Approved as follows:

First: Mr. Mora

Second: Ms. Morgan

Motion carries: 5-0

Dr. Brann suggested changing the wording on item #6 to avoid confusion of the effective date for the El Dorado SELPA.

Board Approvals Pulled

Item #6

Approved as follows:

First: Dr. Brann

Second: Mr. Bañuelos

Motion Carries: 5-0

Real World Learning Update (by: Natasha Morse)

There is now a Real World Learning website available (www.dvrealworldlearning.com). Internships and service learning opportunities are being posted to the site, and currently 57 internship placements for the summer have been created exclusively for Da Vinci students. Internships are open to rising juniors and seniors (there are approximately 500 students who meet the eligibility criteria).

New partnerships have been created with some of the following companies: Guild Creative Agency, Quest Nutrition, and La Galaxy Foundation. Aside from forming new partnerships, we have been trying to strengthen relationships with our existing partners.

On May 4th, there will be a job fair for students to apply for paid internship opportunities. We try to align the opportunities with the schools they go to. Ms. Morse is also putting together an internship readiness orientation and anticipates to host this before students begin their summer internships.

Ms. Morse also will help co-manage the Board of Regents. She'd like to connect industry professionals with our teachers and their classrooms for professional development. She plans to invite industry experts to come in and give our schools feedback on projects.

Financial Update (by: Tom Cox)

There are no recommended changes to the schools' budgets at this time.

In the Title V Funds, we will have an estimated \$100K extra to spend by July 31st.

\$100K from Northrop to fund Cal Poly expenses is funded through Da Vinci Science.

The Capital Campaign will be incorporated into the 2016-17 general funds budget.

Closed Session

Meeting entered into Closed Session at 7:16 PM.

Adjournment

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session at 8:14 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.