



Da Vinci RISE High Manager Meeting

Monday, November 27, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the Da Vinci RISE High Managers was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:36 p.m. by Mr. Israel Mora.

Attendance

Members present:

Israel Mora, Jennifer Morgan, Roger Bañuelos, Dr. Donald Brann

Administrators present:

Dr. Matthew Wunder, Chief Executive Officer, Da Vinci Schools

Dr. Chris Jones, Chief Operating Officer, Da Vinci Schools and Deputy Superintendent, Wiseburn Unified School District

Marshall Mayotte, Chief Financial Officer, Da Vinci Schools

Dr. Mary Ring, Chief Student Services Officer, Da Vinci Schools

Kari Croft, Principal, Da Vinci RISE High

Yolanda Saldaña-Bautista, Director of Employee Support Services, Da Vinci Schools

Allegra Johnson, Director of Special Education, Da Vinci Schools

Alison Wohlwerth, Administrative Manager, Da Vinci Schools

Public Comments

No comments.

Presentation: DVS/RISE Counseling Center Project

Andrew McGregor and his Civil Engineering & Architecture and Engineering Research Design students Alessia, Lexi, M'ya, and Ben presented their tiny house project. Architecture firms Gensler and Houston/Tyner, and architectural lighting firm Oculus Light Studio partnered with Mr. McGregor and his Da Vinci Science students to create a self-contained counseling center for RISE High. The requirements for the counseling center were: versatility, comfortable seating, lots of storage, and privacy/soundproofing. The students worked up a project timeline, using the Fall 2017 semester for design work. The actual build will start in the Spring semester. The team will use a blog to give weekly updates, and are planning a banquet at 6 p.m. on June 18 for DV RISE High, the Board of Trustees, the DVS team and other stakeholders for handoff of the project.

Q&A: Ms. Morgan asked how the team was getting power to the build site, which is located in an isolated corner of the high school campus. The team said they have a generator. Mr. Bañuelos wanted to know what it was like working with industry partners. Mr. McGregor said that the students will have more input in Spring during the build; the challenge lay in deciding how to approach this project, since it had never been done before, is not an off-the-shelf product, and is meant for delivery and use in the real world. They had to get it right, so they relied on the industry professionals for the initial design

work. Mr. Mora congratulated the students on their work so far, and requested a reminder for the banquet in June.

From the Managers

Mr. Bañuelos thanked those who worked so hard to move everyone into the new building, noting the first meeting in the new Board Room. Mr. Mora remarked that the energy on the first day of school was wonderful. He mentioned Richard Lundquist's comments on the first day of school, and the fact that he was impressed. Mr. Mora said that it has taken a lot of years and effort and a lot of satisfaction. He thanked everyone for their hard work. He also thanked Dr. Jones.

From the CEO

No comments.

Financial Update

Mr. Johnston of ExED presented the RISE High Financial report. He said that there were no major changes, other than that the enrollment continues to increase. Ms. Croft said that enrollment is currently 95 students. The previous month's report had enrollment at 72 students. Mr. Johnston said that there are no new variances. Brief discussion ensued about the role and cost of the contract with A Place Called Home. Ms. Croft mentioned that enrollment has increased due to referrals from students, the group home RISE is working with, and the Children's Law Center. She went on to say that the Children's Law Center recently held their annual gala, and gave a presentation about RISE High which was well received.

Ms. Morgan and Dr. Brann requested that the check register NOT be included in the financial report from ExED.

RISE Authorization 2018-19 and Beyond

Dr. Wunder spoke about the trip to Sacramento that he and Dr. Johnstone took regarding the approval of the waiver for RISE High at the California State Board of Education meeting on November 8, 2017. RISE High is operating under the Shasta waiver until the end of June, and a more permanent solution will be found in 2018. **One option is that the L.A. County Office of Education authorizes the RISE charter, but delegates the responsibility and oversight to WUSD.**

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular October 17, 2017 meeting were approved as follows.

Motion to Approve: Mr. Bañuelos Second: Mr. Mora Vote: 4-0-0

Approvals: 2 Items

Item #1: Accept the 2017-18 First Interim Financial Report for Da Vinci RISE High as presented by management.

Item #2: Approve an increase in pupil transportation expenses by \$10,000.

Items #1 and 2 approved as follows:

Motion to Approve: Mr. Mora

Second: Dr. Brann

Approved: 4-0-0

Closed Session

Closed Session was entered at 6:03 p.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code §54956.9 (d)(2))

Public Session reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

Closed Session Reporting

Dr. Brann reported that no action was taken.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED



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Monday, November 27, 2017
5:30 PM
Board Room
201 N. Douglas Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

Approvals - VOTED

1. Accept the 2017-18 First Interim Financial Report for Da Vinci RISE High as presented by management.

Approval: Yes Motion: Mr. Mora 2nd: Dr. Brann Vote: 4-0-0

2. Approve an increase in pupil transportation expenses by \$10K (\$30K to \$40K). RISE would provide free, monthly bus passes to students who meet the following criteria:

- An unduplicated student (either EL, FRPM, or Foster Youth)
- Attendance better than 75%
- Purpose: Improve student performance by providing transportation to targeted populations. It is not financially feasible to provide school bus service for RISE students due to the small number of students being served.

Approval: Yes Motion: Mr. Mora 2nd: Dr. Brann Vote: 4-0-0