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Mission

As a nurturing learning community, Leonardo da Vinci Health Sciences Charter School cultivates health-literate students who have the knowledge, critical thinking skills, and attitudes, which empower them to become influential contributors in an ever-changing global society.

Vision

Leonardo da Vinci Health Sciences Charter School believes in a student-centered approach to learning that encourages all students to become compassionate, innovative, and intelligent thinkers who are knowledgeable about and value what it means to be healthy.

Public Comment

LdVCS Board of Trustees welcomes public comment on any item on the agenda.

Members of the public may also address issues to the Board on items not included on the agenda. The Board is not able to take action on these items as they are not on the posted agenda but may direct these items to staff for a response at a later time or calendar said items for a future agenda.

Addresses by members of the public will be limited to 3 minutes.

Board of Trustees Meeting

MINUTES

Room 801

January 10, 2013 at 6:00 pm

I. Call to Order 6:02 p.m.

Present: Rebecca Buswell, Joseph Brunner, Michael Zambelli, Aureny Aranda-Zaidan, Amber Goslee

Absent: Lisa D'Alessio, Angela Rieta

II. Approval of Agenda

Zambelli moves to approve the agenda as written
Buswell seconds

In favor: Buswell, Brunner, Zambelli, Aranda-Zaidan

Opposed: none

III. Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2012 TABLED

IV. Public/Oral Communications

Parent comment: Concerned about security coming into the office. She has come to the office and no one is there. Nobody was in the office and she was able to enter the office, get a badge, and walk onto campus without anyone noticing her. There was an emergency situation and the door should have been locked. Is there an intercom system?

Parent comment:

- We seem to be understaffed. She doesn't see Lekia much and it is way too much for Johanny to be doing everything. We can't rely on volunteers to do everything. Will the instructional aides be helping out in the office? More office help is needed.
- Parts of the cement have a hole in it and need to be filled with sand. It is a liability issue.
- She was stung by a bee. Has something been done about the bees?

Goslee response: Pest control came out today and said there isn't much that can be done

about the bees while they are looking for a home. Once they settle, then we can do something about them. We have had students who are allergic or afraid of the bees to stay inside.

- Can we have a graduation for the kindergarten? Can she buy caps and gowns for them? Can we have a cake? She knows it is sugar, but she doesn't want the children to think that everything is a no sugar event.

Response: Talk to the kindergarten teachers. If you are not satisfied with their response, meet with the director.

- Major concern: There is an issue with the cafeteria. One of the mom's kids told her mom that he was out in the cold while eating lunch because the Kellogg kids had to watch a movie in the multipurpose room. There is a room that we could use for a multipurpose room (the lounge).
- Curriculum: Not impressed with tulip project as presented at assembly and the academic expectations. What was shared was something her kindergarten student could have done. Parents would like to see more of their work and students sharing their projects. Expo of student work, etc.

Parent comment (translated by Aranda-Zaidan):

- Can we have a translator for all of our meetings? Could we have a volunteer translate during meetings and translate agendas and minutes? Can teachers send information in Spanish too?
- Most of the time the students eat outside.
- When it is raining, why can't students go directly to the classroom in the morning instead of the multipurpose room?

Parent comment: What is the role of the board?

Buswell response: The board is responsible for setting policy and making sure that the director is carrying out policies and doing her job. It is the director's role to manage the day-to-day operations of the school.

V. Announcements: PE teacher interviews will be on Monday, with demo lessons to follow. If all goes well, they will start the first week in February.

VI. Information / Action

A. ExED/Budget Report: Chris Wright (Information)

- As of the end of Nov. 2012:
 - Projected year-end cash balance of \$137,830
 - Net income \$114,013
 - ADA was 256
 - P1 ADA was 239
 - Cash on hand = \$405,352
- With passage of Prop 30, state changed some intra-year deferrals, but did not change inter-year deferrals
- State said EPA funds expected at the end of June, but to be conservative, we are accruing the EPA funds (EPA funds will be about \$110,000)
- Wright will be attending a conference next week regarding the governor's budget for 2013-2014

B. Approve Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS) (Information/Action) TABLED

C. Approve Revised Budget (Information/Action)

There is a need to revise the budget to more accurately reflect current actuals. Changes to adopted budget include:

- Prop 30 passed and is added to budget
- Enrollment is lower. Originally budgeted for 296 students. Revision includes 270 students.
- Added instructional aides.
- Increased time for office support.
- Moved district fees from “rent” to “non-instructional consultant” to more accurately reflect the costs

Brunner: How do we know the Prop 30 money is going to be there next year?

Wright’s response: No one really knows. He hopes that he will learn more at the conference next week. He will share what he learns with us.

Brunner: What percentage of the lottery money goes to education?

Wright’s response: He will forward the information to Goslee who will send it to the board.

Zambelli moves to table decision to approve the budget until next month.

Buswell seconds

In favor: Buswell, Brunner, Zambelli, Aranda-Zaidan

Opposed: none

D. Director’s Report (Information)

E. Select Representative(s) to Attend California Charter Schools Conference: March 11-14, 2013 in San Diego (Information/Action)

- No action taken
- Buswell will coordinate who from the board would like to attend

VII. Adjournment 7:21

*Respectfully submitted,
Amber Goslee*