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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.

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2011 6:00 PM

I. Call to order – 6:02pm

Sharmane Estolano and James Everly, absent. All other board members present.

II. Approval of Agenda

Gannon motioned to approve agenda. Hernandez second. In favor: Brunner, Gannon, Hernandez, Miehl, Rieta

Opposed: none

III. Information/Action

A. 2010-2011 Staffing (Information/Action)

The board revisited the director's decision to both eliminate Spanish instruction and to place the Spanish instructor in the 6th grade classroom until the end of the school year. Ms. Kang informed the board of her reasoning for eliminating the Spanish instruction including 1.) She wanted to put a highly-qualified teacher that was already familiar with the students in the 6th grade classroom; 2.) School Calendar and the fact that only 6 weeks of school remained, 2 of these weeks would not include Spanish instruction due to CST Testing and the fact that Spanish was not taught the last week of school last year. Mrs. Kang did not feel that eliminating Spanish would have a large impact on the school. However, after input from K-1 teachers that utilize the half-hour Spanish block (4 times per week) to focus on small-group instruction. The abrupt end of Spanish instruction had a tremendous impact on their daily schedule and the teachers were not consulted prior to the change.

Also, the board questioned why another highly-qualified English teacher wasn't placed in the 6th grade classroom, leaving Spanish instruction intact. There are no Spanish-speaking teachers on the LdVCS substitute list that can replace the Spanish teacher, however, there are several English speaking substitutes that could have taken over the 6th grade class.

As a result of this situation, the board of trustees informally requested that all personnel-related issues, including the review of all Teacher Support Plans be reviewed by the board before the end of the 2010-2011 school year. No action was taken.

B. WASC Update (Information/Action)

Mrs. Kang asked the board to review whether or not it was a good idea to continue with the initial WASC accreditation visit scheduled for May 25, 2011 based on the current staffing issues. However, based on input from teachers present at the meeting (Gannon, Goslee), the board felt that the staff was ready for the

upcoming visit. No action was taken.

Public/Oral Communications

IV. Announcements

The board discussed the upcoming Round 2 Director Interviews scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2011. Angela Rieta had previously requested that any members of the school community, including individuals that served on the Application Screening and Interview Panel could submit a list of questions to the board to be asked of the candidates during the Round 2 interviews. The members of the Application Screening and Interview Panels would hold a committee meeting prior to the interviews at 9:00am on Saturday, May 7, 2011 to finalize the questions and prepare for the interviews.

V. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Angela Rieta

ADOPTED