



Da Vinci Schools

Minutes

Wiseburn + Da Vinci Joint Board Meeting

Date and Time

Saturday September 14, 2019 at 8:00 AM

Location

Board Room, 201 N. Douglas Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

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Trustees Present

B. Meath, D. Brann, I. Mora (remote), J. Morgan, K. Brown, R. Bañuelos

Trustees Absent

None

Trustees who left before the meeting adjourned

J. Morgan

Guests Present

A. Wohlwerth, J. Hawn, Joanne Kaneda, M. Ring, M. Wunder, Neil Goldman, Nelson Martinez, V. Bravo

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Wohlwerth called a meeting of the board of trustees of Da Vinci Schools to order on Saturday Sep 14, 2019 at 8:04 AM.

Joanne Kaneda called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Nelson Martinez made a motion to adopt the agenda as submitted.

Dr. Neil Goldman seconded the motion.

The agenda was adopted via a unanimous vote, 8-0.

II. Closed Session

A. Adjourn to Closed Session

None

B.

Reconvene to Regular Session

III. Pledge of Allegiance

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Comments

Comment from Renee Hubler regarding Pool use: a) seminar students' time in the pool is unfairly limited; b) there are no lockers for the students' use; and c) the swimming seminar should be open to more than her estimate of 40 students.

Comment from Helen Martinez regarding the athletic program: a) lack of consistency among coaches/ some having favorites; b) coaches give team tryout results publicly in front of all applicants, rather than in a confidential manner; c) athletics protocols; d) buses not being scheduled/arriving in a timely manner.

Comment from Harley Hoff regarding athletics and her student's classes: a) disappointment that the softball coach is not returning, and wants recognition for his efforts; b) the athletic director; c) no water polo; d) the status of the softball field; e) the size of her son's classes at Communications.

IV. Discussion

A. Da Vinci Connect - Pilot Program/9-12 Program

Michelle Rainey, Jennifer Hawn, Matt Wunder presented on the Da Vinci Connect Pilot/9-12 Program.

The Connect pilot program aims to blend high school and college, in order to allow more students to access and complete college, avoiding college loan debt.

B. Security

Mr. Vicente Bravo presented a security update.

Security is necessary to support site administrators with disciplinary incidents, etc.

Supervision is provided by all staff: teachers, administrators, grounds supervisors, coaches, cafeteria workers, etc.

Recommendation:

Contract with outside agency for about 2 months while an internal personnel program is set up and installed.

Further brief clarifying questions and discussion ensued.

C.

Athletics Update

Rogelio Diaz presented an athletics update.

Mr. Diaz thanked the audience members for their feedback.

Mulholland League membership may be limited due to Da Vinci's growth.

A new digital Coaches' Handbook has been created.

Discussion on pool joint use agreement, communication ensued..

D. Deferred Maintenance

Dr. Matt Wunder gave a presentation on Deferred Maintenance.

Da Vinci Schools will pay 1% into an account reserved for big ticket expenses, with a \$2MM cap.

Costs have escalated, there are more projects to complete, and Da Vinci Schools has already invested several hundreds of thousands of dollars in unplanned facility expenses.

Da Vinci would like relief from maintenance payments, and Dr. Wunder wants to work with Dr. Silvers and both Boards to determine what is fair and reasonable.

Ms. Kaneda asked for a proposal to be brought to the Wiseburn Board.

E. Facilities Master Plan

Dr. Blake Silvers gave a presentation on the Facilities Master Plan for Wiseburn Unified School District.

Two types of goals:

Type 1 = modernization, maintenance, safety

Type 2 = visionary, future-ready schools for future-ready students, using facilities in new ways

A Long Range Facilities Master Plan Committee (LRFMPC) including various district and community stakeholders will meet through the 2019-20 school year to create final recommendations.

F. Authorizer Responsibilities/General Oversight

Dr. Blake Silvers gave a presentation on Authorizer Responsibilities and Oversight.

G. Naming Rights

Dr. Donald Brann spoke about wanting to be on the same page with Wiseburn with regard to naming rights.

Naming is a topic of great interest to the schools, the District, and the community.

H. Wiseburn Unified School District History Project

Dr. Donald Brann spoke of the Wiseburn history written by Dr. Jack Good(e), which covered the period from 1896 to 1960.

Dr. Brann contacted a writer to complete the history of Wiseburn from 1960 to 2020, and he now would like to assess the Wiseburn Board's interest in the project.

Mr. Bañuelos requested a formal proposal for the project, including a scope of work. Dr. Brann asked for a "not to exceed" amount.

J. Morgan left.

Dr. Neil Goldman wants to see a mapping of K-8 and 9-12 grade levels, and an alignment of strategy.

Mr. Bañuelos would like to bring current items on the agenda to future joint meetings, to bring closure to various topics.

Mr. Brown found the joint meeting very informational, and would like to ensure the boards have an understanding of each other's visions. He thanked staff for the preparation of the meetings.

Dr. Brann echoed Mr. Bañuelos' comments, and gave his appreciation for the meeting.

Ms. Kaneda appreciated the face-to-face interaction afforded by the joint meeting, and the community members who attended to bring up topics. She looks forward to the follow-through on various topics at the respective Board meetings.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Roger Bañuelos made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Nelson Martinez seconded the motion.

Adjournment was approved via a unanimous vote, 8-0.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Wohlwerth