

Board Minutes from meeting of March 12, 2019

Attendance: Chris Carle, TJ Chitekwe, Mitzi Henson, Bill Johnston, Christine Schlesinger, and Roberto Villanueva.

From Staff: Neil Phillips, Louis Parker, Cindy Cavallarro, and Mya Widmyer

Meeting called to order at 3 PM and minutes of the prior meeting were motioned by Mitzi Henson and seconded by Christine Schlesinger. Unanimously approved.

Neil spent about 15 minutes on a presentation of both short and longer term academic plans for VMA. There were numerous questions. From there he updated us on academic numbers from iReady tests prior to the FSA being taken. As we know iReady is not as predictive as in past years due to District changes and we do not know how many growth points we might receive this year. We continue to perform at an A grade level. We spent a great deal of time discussing the optimum level of students for a VMA focusing on 116 and then 142. We also discussed the states penalty for over enrollment with the head counts coming in October and February. There was more discussion about VPK and its benefits.

Louis walked us through the redesigned financials and pointed out numerous items that he had footnoted. Kudos to Louis, TJ and Roberto for a job well done last Saturday and making these numbers more understandable to all of us. We discussed ways to reduce the budget and increase revenues for next year. The board understands that there are certain ways that our financials must be presented to the District.

Mya presented us with a list of recent donations and there was discussion as to how to improve the timing of this report as well as how to insure that all donors are properly thanked. There was concern over Impact as to its profitability and we talked about the upcoming Shine On event and how to maximize donor participation. A development committee has been formed with Mya, Christine and Cindy as its participants.

Meeting concluded at 5 PM and the board met in executive session until 5:35.

Next meeting is April 16th at 3 PM. at Crowley.