

## **VMA Board minutes from 1/23/17**

**Present:** Phil Brown, Chris Carle, Alicia Chalmers, Bill Johnston, Steve Lobel, Christine Schlesinger, Felice Schulaner and Neil Phillips.

Meeting noticed and held at the WG Mills Building

Called to order at 3:02 PM.

Neil presented a slide show called "The Path Forward" which went from inception to present and offered paths for both short term survival and a longer term strategy. Discussion was held about the "model" with various strategies being discussed: K-5 only versus K-8. Taking girls as well as boys and whether they are taught together or separately. Neil told us that Louis was stepping down as CFO and envisioned a new structure for the staff of an outreach committee comprising Shannon, Dawnyelle and himself with Mary-Luisa running the school house. Suggestions and thoughts abounded as there will be limited staff and resources.

Conclusions: Neil will reach out to Charter Schools Growth Fund (CSGF) for both advice and to pursue immediate funding to get us through this school year as well as a second funding to get us over the lean summer months. In the meantime additional donors will be pursued.

Next meeting: Feb 8th at 5PM to include dinner at the WG Mills Building

Meeting concluded at 6:05 PM.