



Special School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 4, 2011 – 7:00pm

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mission</u></p> <p>DaVinci Academy will nurture and enrich the learning experiences of students through an individualized approach to education. Meeting the needs of students through an innovative and comprehensive education with a particular emphasis on the arts and sciences and a strong positive reinforcement strategy, DaVinci Academy will assist the community in raising children to be confident, successful adults. Students will learn leadership, social, and problem solving skills both in the classroom and through community service projects.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vision</u></p> <p>DaVinci Academy will become a model Charter School that will be known and respected for its academic excellence and its ability to serve children in a nurturing educational environment in which students develop the whole mind, and excel in academic, social and leadership skills, to reach their full potential.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pillars</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arts and Science Focus Core Knowledge Sequence Differentiated Instruction Positive Reinforcement</p>
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1. Call to order: 7:02 pm

2. Roll Call: Terri Sheehan, chair; Doug Hiatt, treasurer; Holly Fischer, vice-chair; Stephanie Severson, secretary; David Cauley, Doug Dinndorf, Cory Klabunde, ex-officio; Terry Moffatt, ex-officio

Guests in audience: Shawn Sauve, Theresa Barthold, Deb Pugh, Shannon Baumler, Lisa Wostowicz, Alycia Nelson, Bonnie Trembath, Tana Hyatt, Mark Morff, Michael Westman, Mark Fischer, Christina Lucas, Richard Haller, Alex Reinartz, Shelby Fackleman, Annessa Fackleman.

3. Community Comment

Kathy Reinartz, asked for some flexibility to the rules on Community Comment. Sheehan replied that we need to respect some boundaries. Community will be allowed to ask questions after the board meeting, but questions will answered following the annual meeting.

David Cauley clarified that the vote already happened.

Kathy Reinartz expressed her opinions.

Shannon Tummel expressed her opinions.

Doug Hiatt responded to background to how much work has been done in the last year on the high school planning.

Mark Morff spoke about his eighth grade student and his concerns.

Kathy Reinartz spoke again.

Terri Sheehan responded to Kathy and other concerns.

Mark Morff spoke again.

Alex Reinartz spoke about his concerns.

Shelby Fackelman spoke about her concerns.

Lisa Wostowicz spoke about her concerns for her son.

Kathy Reinartz asked a question to Doug Hiatt regarding the charter school opening in Maple Grove

Deb Pugh asked a few questions regarding charter schools and the planning.

Holly Fischer spoke to those questions.

Mark Morff spoke again.

Doug Hiatt answered both Deb Pugh and Mark Morff's questions.

Kathy Reinartz and Mark Morff spoke again. Holly responded to Mr. Morff's concerns.

Theresa Barthold spoke about her concerns regarding facilities and financials. Stephanie Severson and Doug Hiatt responded.

Alycia Nelson spoke about her concerns.

Deb Pugh spoke again regarding her concerns. Doug Hiatt responded. Stephanie Severson and David Cauley added information to these concerns. David Cauley spoke about the limited enrollment aspect introduced by Friends of Education.

Annessa Fackelman spoke. Terri Sheehan responded.

Alycia Nelson spoke.

Deb Pugh spoke about her concerns. Doug Dinndorf responded.

Mark Morff spoke again. Stephanie Severson and Terri Sheehan responded.

Kathy Reinartz spoke again. Doug Hiatt and Terri Sheehan responded.

Shawn Sauve spoke.

Richard Haller spoke.

Doug Hiatt spoke in regards to alternatives for next year's ninth graders.

Michael Westman spoke.

Lisa Wostowicz asked a question regarding sibling preference during the open enrollment period in her son won't be here next year.

4. Adoption of Agenda and Addendums: Fischer moved, and Dinndorf seconded to adopt the agenda as written. Motion passed.

5. New Business

		Subject	Time
5.1	Discussion/Action	High School Planning	<p>8:21 Terry Moffatt spoke to North Lakes Academy in Forest Lake and they have openings in ninth grade. Responded to Michael Westman’s question. Doug Dinndorf summarized what the main issues are so far. Terry Moffatt spoke regarding test scores and the importance of our school. Staffing needs were also addressed. The importance of laying a good foundation. Our sixth to eighth grade program should be a pre-AP program. Moffatt explained a little more about AP classes and the program in general. Staff needs were addressed, 5.5 teachers would need to be hired to cover the high school program. We currently have one teacher who holds correct licensure for a high school program. A master’s degree is needed to teach AP at the high school level. Holly Fischer added the importance of adding an administrator prior to the high school program starting. Discussed a bit about whether or not we could do it in one year – Terry Moffatt’s opinion is yes. Doug Hiatt mentioned partnering with a local school and then when we do open a high school, we ask those students, plus the new ninth graders back. Took a break from 9:00-9:05. Resumed meeting at 9:06 pm. Doug Dinndorf asked some facility questions and Stephanie Severson answered. Site expansion needs two years of growth in test scores. Might have it after next year. But Friends would really like to see three years of growth before expansion – meaning two years from now. It is in minimum a two year process. So we might be able to do it in a year. The earliest we could have a site expansion would be the start of the school year 2012—but more likely is 2013.</p> <p>What is our end goal for the middle school and the high school? (Question from the audience.)</p> <p>Doug spoke about the financial and the state of the fund balance. We cannot sustain a negative balance by starting a high school with too few students and having that happen more than one year in a row. Need a full class rather than 15. Based on financial only, when is the best time to start? Financially could be done one year out. The deficit would only be carried for one year.</p> <p>Quality program – If we hire a dedicated person to do this, it can be done in a one year’s time. Hiring the right person to help us is a challenge.</p> <p>Talked about setting a date in the future that we can actually make a decision regarding the delay. David Cauley talked about the difficulties in proceeding in one year.</p> <p>Went around the table to share opinions. Consensus was that we hired a person to really lead this program and build this program. We have to plan, but prepare for road bumps and be able to prepare parents for that.</p>

			<p>David spoke again, summarizing the issues. He spoke about the need to tell the school community something. At the very least we will open a high school by 2014. We as a board need more information to make a decision to announce anything else.</p> <p>High School Committee will bring data to the February Board Meeting. May have to schedule another special meeting prior to the February Meeting. A decision will be made at the February board meeting.</p> <p>Doug Dinndorf will craft a letter to stakeholders. We will try to have it sent out before end of day tomorrow.</p>
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6. Adjourn the meeting: Fischer motioned, Severson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:41. **Motion passed.**