Da Vinci Communication Family Association

Meeting Notes 1/23/14

* Kim Cochran (partially presented by Nathan)
  + Seminar reminder – they have started. We had over 90% sign up. Not bad, only a few foolish ones missed out, so then we asked them what they wanted and they got their top choice.
  + Annual Giving Campaign – your presence is more important than money. Also, if you want to make a donation, talk to Carla Levenson: [clevenson@davincischools.org](mailto:clevenson@davincischools.org)
  + Parent service hour opportunities
    - Come tutor a group of kids during their projects – info coming soon
    - Family Association Meetings
      * **Tuesday, February 18, 2014**. Topic: College Night
      * **Tuesday, March 18, 2014.** Topic: School and Internet Safety
      * **Tuesday, May 13, 2014.** JOINT MEETING – Design and Science at Science Forum. Topic: Seniors and Graduates share their experiences applying for and being at College
    - Exhibition: April 10th
    - SLCs: April 28th – May 1st
    - Teacher appreciation week: May 5th – 9th
    - POLs: May 27 – June 5th
  + Family Dinner Night!

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| DVC Family Dinner #2  Wednesday, January 29th  5:00pm to 9:00pm (show up for any part of this time – window is so you can come whether you eat early, work late, etc.)  Panda Express 125 Sepulveda Blvd Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 |

* School Updates (Nathan)
  + Semester 1 was great
    - Culture building and fun: Overnighter, ropes course, Halloween, etc.
    - Kids went through signature practices for the first time: SLCs, Exhibition, POLs
    - TEDx was a huge success, great culminating activity of 1st semester!
      * Students completely controlled and ran the whole event
      * Need to work on second semester: scaffolding for students, explicitly teaching collaboration
  + Semester 2 preview
    - Plan-It Project: students know what this is – ask them about it!
    - Be Heard (student haven’t heard of this, but it is a great project we’ve been running here at DV for a couple years)
  + ALEKS Demonstration
    - Aleks.com
    - Student accounts only (ALEKS does not do parent accounts, or we haven’t been made aware of it)
    - Students have received sheets guiding them through their full semester’s worth of work. They know deadlines within a week or two (specific deadlines to be given as the dates approach).
    - Students can move ahead and actually complete more than 1 year of math each year of school.
    - Students have 12 month licenses with ALEKS, and can move ahead over the summer and over breaks as well.