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
	+ 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 #2Wednesday, January 29th5:00pm 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 Express125 Sepulveda BlvdManhattan 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.