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Acton to respond to Mayor Marchand

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Dear Site Council,

At our meeting on January 11, 2016, we never did decide how we are going to respond to the Mayor's email sent to all of our members. We each received correspondence, and by not taking action and answering as a Council we are further alienating our school and not helping to repair the "bad blood" with the City, which was our goal when we spoke of "how to move forward." We must repair this relationship, and we must also ensure that this kind of breach of trust doesn't happen again! That cannot be done by ignoring correspondence and letting questions go unanswered. The Mayor turned over the facts to us (more than TVLC has done!), expecting that given those facts we would do our jobs. We need to get to work!! Soon, we will be seen as being just as appalling as the others that have contributed and continued to let the mis-information and cover-ups get out of hand.

Looking at this from the point of view of recruitment... I don't like that my present answer to "How do you like the Charter Schools?" would be: "Oh, they are fabulous schools: the teachers are wonderful and caring and work hard to educated all students as individuals." But, "When it comes to the corporate office... TVLC is as shady as they come. There is NO long term strategic planning (or worse, if there is it's in secret), the Board members obviously don't trust each other because if one calls an emergency meeting they can't get a quorum, and are blackballed. Who knows how long the schools will last, because the Board doesn't require the corporation to formalize its commitments or pay its bills; they are always looking to see how they can 'not' follow the rules, like they are above the rules that apply to the rest of the businesses in town (because they can always get the parents outraged on their behalf when they don't get their way). They try to convince parents to take sides against the City with: 'They have it in for us; you need to help us fight them!' There is no accountability structure, and the Board and CEO feel themselves completely unanswerable to parents, the elected Site Councils, and the community; effectively the management can get away with whatever behavior they want, and are responsible to no one. Charter Schools are supposed to be 'more' accountable to parents, but that's a laugh here." Right now, that would have to be my answer!

Since our minutes will not be approved before the next TVLC meeting on Jan 28th, I would like us to call a special Site Council meeting to write our answer to the Mayor, telling him what action we intend to take. The path of not responding is blatantly unprofessional and inconsiderate, and amounts to an open declaration that we the Site Council intend to be on the side of the Problem, not the Solution. The Mayor has taken the time to come to, or to correspond with, two meetings now (as well as having one of his City Council meetings tied up by TVLC shenanigans), but he has had NO response from either Board.

We have a moral responsibility to decide how we're going to proceed based on the facts in the Mayor's letter. We can't claim ignorance of the situation. Let's commit to getting our job done, and to repairing the relationship with the City of Livermore for LVCP.

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If anyone has an email for Gary Falcon, and Louann Tung, please forward.

From: Julie Weingart [mailto:julieweingart@lvcp.org]
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Subject: Request of agenda item

I would like to request that the letters that were presented to the LVCP site council on Jan 11, 2016 be added as a discussion item to the agenda of the TVLC Board meeting on January 28, 2016. I would also like to request that Mr. Hall please come answer the questions that were asked in them.

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