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Subject: TVLC Special Meeting - Parking Lot Vote

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Dear TVLC BOD & Dr. Lynn Lysko,

I am quite disappointed (and frankly a little disgusted) to see the agenda for a special meeting when the board agreed unanimously on Thursday, May 12 to table that agenda item for the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 26th. In my opinion, it appears very shady to go against that agreement and schedule the meeting at the last possible minute for a time when you knew there would be a board member absent and many parents unavailable due to play rehearsal. This is not a pressing matter for OUR schools. We have far more important things to deal with. Those are the items we need special meetings for. Not a parking lot. But some of you sure seem intent on pushing it through by any means. When you have lost the trust of your stakeholders, you should be going out of your way to do things in the least shady way possible. But you seem to be completely blind and deaf to the concerns of your stakeholders. People keep questioning when Mr Batchelor really resigned from TVLC. But in my opinion it doesn't seem to matter at all. It appears that, as an agent of CPA, he is still calling the shots around here. Make it stop.

The other night at the LVCS Council meeting, Mr. Goulart voiced his concern over all the recent changes to the TVLC Board and suggested that we pump the brakes a little on that. But here we are, pedal to the floor, racing toward a new parking lot that comes shackled to an allegedly shady deal with an allegedly shady co-tenant. If we stand any chance of managing the existing contracts at a reasonable level, we certainly should not be getting further indebted to them. If there is anything we need to pump the brakes on, it is this parking lot.

But let's put all that allegedly shady business aside for a moment and talk about common sense and the safety of our staff, our students and our parents. Why would you start such a major project just a few weeks before school lets out for the summer? Why would you press the issue just to create a traffic nightmare for us when you could wait just a few weeks for all the students to be gone? If you truly cared about the children, you wouldn't disrupt their last weeks of school and create a more dangerous environment for them.

I urge you will all of my strength... do not approve the parking lot permit at this time.

Finally, please add me to the growing list of stakeholders asking for Mr. Goulart and Mr. Lessard to voluntarily step down (or procedurally be removed) from the TVLC Board. Mr. Goulart said he didn't see very many people asking him to resign but he would if the numbers changed. Well... the numbers have changed. If he is a man of his word, he will do what he said he would do: resign. Mr. Lessard has already received a vote of no confidence from his school council. Everyone but the Board seems to understand that he doesn't belong there. Yet he remains on the Board, as President no less. Please do the right thing and correct this situation so we can move forward confident that the TVLC Board is going to do what is best for the schools. Never forget that these schools belong to us, not you. These are OUR schools!

Respectfully,

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LVCS Parent

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Subject: Due diligence required

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Dear Dr. Lynn Lysko and the Tri-Valley Learning Corporation Board of Directors:

As we discussed at the LVCS Site Council meeting on May 10, the TVLC town hall meeting on May 11, and the TVLC Board meeting on May 12, it's time that TVLC took responsibility for cleaning up their finances and securing the future finances for their schools. This includes limiting further exposure through agreements to further in-debt us to other entities including the private school, CPA, as well the property owners. It is irresponsible to pen another agreement while we have unresolved "handshake" financial agreements that need to be addressed.

Having attended the last board meeting, I was relieved to see that the request for the parking lot permit decision to be postponed until the May 26 meeting was approved. I mistakenly read that as the board's acknowledgement that there was due diligence with regards to TVLC's financial viability and rental agreement to be addressed before green-lighting the parking lot. Now, a special meeting has been called no more than a few days later to resurrect a decision on the parking lot permit in full knowledge that the board member who made the request to postpone the decision was not available to participate in the vote. I really try hard to believe in good intentions, but I can't fathom what would have happened between Thursday and Monday that requires us to force through a decision now. Perhaps there is some pressure that has been brought to bear on the situation - I've heard from TVLC that we need to approve the permit from the parking lot because....we are paying double rent, the parking lot project will take a long time and we don't have space planned at the current LVCP site, or many other pressure tactics. Having experienced these pressure tactics from former TVLC executives in my previous role as CCEF President, I implore the board to not respond with a knee-jerk reaction, but to thoughtfully consider:

1. We are paying double rent: If our landlords are willing and able to forgive our rental debt in the past, then how has this changed?
2. The parking lot project takes a long time: It has waited this long; another 9 days shouldn't preclude us from doing the right thing and addressing the financial risks that exist currently before deepening our reliance on our landlords and other private schools.
3. Lack of space at LVCP for 2017: We have heard clearly from the LVJUSD district a simple request to hear from TVLC with regards to their needs so that planning can take place.

We need LESS decisions that just going along with the plan that was laid out by former TVLC executives and MORE pausing and making sure that our decision making has the right level of fidelity going forward. That requires proper due diligence.

I also want to ask the new board members from our Acacia sister schools and newly appointed Director-at-Large to hear the families of the schools in Livermore. Though some of our elected (or self-elected) board members may have their own agenda, in many many ways they are not aligned to the population of our schools and their very constituents. The fact that they see zero accountability to their stakeholders is stunning.

If none of my reasoning above influences you to vote NO to the parking permit at the special board meeting tonight, I ask you to consider the timing of this project and the activities happening at the current LVCS facility. We are in the home stretch for end of year activities, many of which rely on volunteers that will need a place to park. Where will they park if the parking lot permit is approved and the construction gets started this week? On an already overcrowded campus, this heightens my safety concerns for our children and parents on and around campus.

Please vote NO on the parking permit decision tonight.

Thank you,  
Paige Kuempel  
Mother of Dragons

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From: Mikaela Seronello <mseronello@gmail.com>  
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Dear TVLC Board of Directors -

First, I would like to know who called this special meeting and why, when just two business days ago this vote was agreed to be postponed until May 26th. An explanation is needed. Whomever called this meeting should have the courage and integrity to stand and identify themselves and their reasoning at this meeting tonight. I'll be there expecting said explanation.

Second, while the need and desire for the parking lot is not in question the HOW and WHEN and WHO are very much in question. As parents we don't know how to make it any more clear that we have NO INTEREST in entering in to any agreement with any other entity or co-tenant or anything of the like until we have taken care of the present. Most pressing would be the renegotiation and finalizing of the lease for the LVCS campus so that it is affordable and sustainable for years to come. AT MINIMUM, the construction on the parking lot should not begin until the end of the school year. Construction activity of this magnitude would be disruptive at best to the children's last weeks, and at worse it will cause further issues with our traffic and parking situations. Not to mention all of the dust and noise, many children who attend LVCS have asthma and other sensitivities that would make the dirt and dust that is unavoidable in the grading and paving process a literal health hazard.

Lastly, in general, its time for TVLC to start treating the parents of their schools like actual stakeholders, not just in name. If any other corporation treated their "stakeholders" the way that TVLC does with its surprise meetings, paving equipment showing up without approval, back taxes and above market leases, they wouldn't

have jobs anymore. Whether or not this is the intent, the perception among the families you claim to serve is that you are motivated by money, and operate beyond reproach because there is such a demand for your product, our schools. Perception is reality, and you need to start dealing with reality. We will not go away, you will not grind us down, and if you continue on this path, there will only be more scrutiny and attention directed at all of you.

I've copied a fellow parent's email below because I am in complete agreement and feel no need to re-invent the wheel. VOTE NO on the pulling of the permit, and in doing so you will be voting YES to a true and renewed partnership with the parents of the schools you serve.

I was quite surprised to see the agenda for a special meeting when the board agreed unanimously last Thursday, May 12 to table that agenda item for the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 26th. What can possibly happen in the next ten days that is making this suddenly urgent?

I feel there are too many unanswered questions about the consequences of building that parking lot at this time and the subsequent occupancy at 3090 Independence. While we are in control of that parking lot, TVLC seems to have an abundance of bargaining power to renegotiate contracts with CPA and other lease agreements associated with various business partners. I understand that CPA and various business partners have a high desire to get occupancy into that building. As far as I know, none of the TVLC board members nor the CEO are working for CPA or any CPA associates, so I'm curious to know why you would allow us to go down this path as the BOD for TVLC.

Until you know all the answers to the potential consequences of building that parking lot, I urge you to vote NO on obtaining the permits.

Do you really believe that keeping the existing contracts with CPA is in the best interest of TVLC, LVCS and LVCP?

Do you really believe that CPA, Goldstone, Acre or any other associated entities will be willing to negotiate AFTER they have what they want – occupancy of the 3090 building?

What is your end game?

You do not represent CPA, Acre, Goldstone or ANY of those related entities. You represent a Charter Management Organization that is in the business of educating children. Please, do not enter the business of making money for people who seem to care nothing about the education of our children.

Please live your CORE VALUES and do what is right. Do not allow these permits to be pulled. Vote NO.

Sincerely,

Mikaela Seronello  
LVCS parent