



Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors

Denver Language School- Cafeteria

Feb 21, 2013

6:00pm

Voting:	Non-voting:	Visiting Guests:
Kristy Fantz Beverly Haddon Rick Gonzalez Camilla Modesitt Huiliang Liu Martin Enriquez	Sara Amodio	Dan Baack

1) Executive Session 18:00-18:40

2) Call to order

- a) The regular meeting of the Denver Language School Board of Directors was called to order at 18:40 on February 21, 2012 in the DLS cafeteria by board chair, Kristy Fantz.

3) Executive Report- Acknowledgements

- a) Chinese New year: very successful, Denver Post News showcased an article and photos, Mandarin program presented to Spanish Program on Friday morning.
- b) School choice process- swamped with applications. Final numbers after the 1st of the school year.
- c) Middle School curriculum: CDE- core state standards.
- d) Colorado version of ACTFL- 2 teachers presenting tomorrow....Diva and Eva. (topic-full immersion classrooms)
- e) CDE- Jian is on as the curriculum writer for the state of Colorado. Jian will be on the CDE retreat as a consultant.
- f) Dr. Sara: China next week- Univ of Beijing on a J1 visa US Embassy to train Chinese teacher on American teaching styles.
- g) ASCD- Chicago- curriculum development-Dr Sara to attend
- h) Teacher retention looks good for next year.

- i) Growth plan is being developed for our teachers...training for the teachers to move a phase of master level teaching. PD....Race to the top – compensation around teacher performance. Novice vs. master. Master performance will be compensated higher. State of Colorado for compensation. Budget for the board. Goal would be to finalize the plan late March early April when teachers sign contracts.
- j) TCAP starts in 2 weeks. Trimester assessments are on going right now. Assessments are now standards between both languages.
- k) SOPA /Ellopa- April ..May....DRA- English in progress.

4) Financial Review (presented by Rick Gonzalez)

a) REVENUES:

- i) In January, we received the final PPR payment for 2012-13 and the student count increased to 455 total students, funded pupil count = 408.4.
- ii) We continue to analyze FunClub activities, currently running in the positive by \$18K.
- iii) Just found out that the ELPA allocation is \$14K, budgeted for \$10K.

b) EXPENSES:

- i) Things are trending well on non-grant expenses.
- ii) There are substantial expenses to be booked for both CDE yr 3 and FLAP. Sara and I have discussed and she has started the purchasing rally.
- iii) Legal services are running higher but remain within budget. Due to increased activities.
- iv) Dues and Fees are running high due to a \$1,400 item that was posted in error. It was for a staff training that is now adjusted to account 0580 for professional development. The correction will be reflected on the Feb reports.
- v) Fundraising expense running slightly high but isn't a problem if fundraising goals are exceeded.
- vi) Lori just found out that the new 2012 Mill Levy allocation is estimated at **\$175,000** for this year! That has not been added to the budget yet - will be part of Feb reports. Unbelievable news there. .

5) Facility Committee (presented by Camilla Modesitt)

a) Smiley

- i) Ryan Hunter, Bev, Dr. Sara and Ann Davis met with Kurt Dennis, the principal at McAuliffe. The numbers work well to share Smiley, and he has the same problem of his parents not wanting to share a space with high schoolers.
- ii) Related to this, Brenna Copeland has been in touch with Dr. Sara and it seems that DPS is working to find us a space. There are no specifics available, but from the tenor of the conversations, it sounds like DPS is trying to make something work.
- iii) Ann Davis has been pioneering conversations with Jefferson Academy, which recently built a new facility. She has met with their architect, Adale Wilson, from Stater Paul. Next Monday at 11 am, there is a meeting with their contractor, JHL (VP is Brian Townsend). She also spoke with Dustin Jones of EFS who coordinated the financing for them, found the land, and put a team together to build.

- iv) DPS will host the second community engagement meeting for residents of Stapleton and Greater Park Hill on Tuesday, Feb. 26th from 6:00-8:00pm at Smiley cafeteria (refreshments and sign-in at 5:30pm). This follows the first in a series of meetings specifically around middle school programming. Included in the discussion will be determining the replacement middle school program for the Smiley building and discussing the anticipated growth of McAuliffe International School.
- v) Last, the board unanimously decided to go with 4 kindergartens next year. To cut back on enrollment when the demand is so clearly there would be detrimental.

6) Development Committee Update (presented by Beverly Haddon):

- a) Committee is formed. Bev recommends putting together a joint meeting between development and facilities.
 - i) Anne Davis will co-chair. They would like to pull together all the potential options that we are considering and list the detailed status and pro and cons.
- b) Smiley closing information. Bev discussed the community meeting on Smiley. DPS is leaning toward McAuliffe moving to Smiley. One of the concerns that was raised from the community was McAuliffe would be housed with a high school students.
- c) DLS Summit for potential partners in May for international business.

7) SAC Update (presented by Dan Baack)

- a) SAC- parent satisfaction survey is being development now. The goal is the end of month to roll out to the community. Assessment data for the strategic plan to develop baseline for the initial data.
- b) Alpine data system to drive instruction and ILPs for our students.

8) PTA update (presented by Dan Baack)-

- a) PTO helped support Chinese New Year. Green Team won Mayor Hancock contest.
- b) Ongoing fundraising. Gala on the 4th of May Hanger 61 in Stapleton.
- c) Teacher appreciated week in May.
- d) Transition to new PTO leadership.
- e) Focus group around school branding.

9) Adjourn

- a) The board adjourned at 8:00 pm sharp.