



DENVER LANGUAGE SCHOOL

MEETING OF THE DENVER LANGUAGE SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, April 19 2016

Location: Denver Language School East Rm. 120

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Mission Statement – Achieve academic excellence and intercultural competence through language immersion education

In Attendance:

Kenneth Ho
Lisa Peloso
Bev Haddon
Janine Erickson
Carter Davidson
Kate Blanas
Kristy Fantz
Josh Lin

Absent

Dan Baack
Matt Wagner

Also In Attendance:

Lori Deacon – CFO
Kathy Benzel – Principal
Camilla Modesitt – Director of Development
Anne Konieczny – PTA President-Elect (by phone)

Agenda:

6:10 PM - Call to Order

6:00 - 6:15 Public Comment

(Contact Janine Erickson at ericksonjanine@gmail.com)

You will have 3 minutes to comment.

- no public comments

6:10 - 6:30 Budget Update (Lori and Kenneth)

- order of agenda changed to accommodate Lori's schedule
- gov't gave us a \$34k bonus that was unexpected – we got it at the end of March
- revenue is looking good
- 730 total students for next year 2016-2017
- budgets are due to DPS on June 1st

6:31 - 6:45 Procedural votes (Janine)

- Minutes from 4/5/16
 - Lisa moves and Bev's seconds, all present in favor

- Formalizing the minutes (Matt)
 - Matt suggests we have the meeting minutes in a summary format vs. an outline
 - this will help feed into the minutes
- Nomination of Board Chair for SY 2016-2016 – Carter Davidson
 - Bev nominates, Kristy seconds, all present in favor
- Vice Chair for SY 2016-2017 – Kate Blanas
 - Lisa nominates, Kenneth seconds, all present in favor
- Nomination of New Board member Rebecca Rogers
 - Kate nominates Rebecca Rogers as a new board member, Bev seconds, all present in favor
- Nomination of Rebecca Rogers as Treasurer
 - Bev nominates, Kate seconds, all present in favor
- 2016-2017 School Year Calendar (Kathy)
 - Lisa nominates to approve calendar, Kate seconds, all present in favor

6:50 - 7:00 Board Nomination and Selection Process (Lisa and Kate)

- Outstanding Comments and Discussion
- Composition – List of positions available (ex. Facilities -2, secretary -1)
- Skill set
- Private vs. Public vote for new and renewing members
- Neighborhood representation on Board
- Background Check
 - DLS will contact the front office (Taylor) and have them process the background checks
- Vote on Nomination and Revised Selection Package will take place when we approve amended Bylaws

7:15 - 7:30 Facilities (Carter and Kenneth)

- Carter is meeting with various real estate professionals and working with the neighborhood on gaining a letter of support

7:30 - 7:31 Bond Update (Kenneth and Kristy)

- Kenneth will email out an update of the Capacity and Quality Learning Environments Sub-Committee Meeting #4 for the bond

7:30 - 7:45 SAC Report (Kate)

- shared the SY 2014-2015 SOPA/ELLOPA results
 - Kathy recommended we review the SAC responsibilities and compare to the board's responsibilities

7:45 - 8:00 Principal's Report (Kathy)

- Recognition of Anne Davis for the work she has done on facilities
- Kathy shared her principal's report for review

8:00 - 8:10 Development Report (Beverly)

- Confirm consensus on Short and Long Term Facilities/Fundraising Goals
- Vote on Development Strategic Plan
 - Amanda has joined the development committee (DTAC) along with Lisa and Camilla
- Vote on Development Metrics
 - Kristy makes a motion to approve plan, Kate seconds, all present in favor

8:10 - 8:15 Bylaws Review (Matt & Josh)

- Lisa will help Josh to finish bylaws review

8:15 – 8:25 PTA Report (Elizabeth)

- President –Elect Anne Konieczny dialed in via phone
 - 165 kindles grades 1-4, 45 kindles for grade 5 – currently being ordered
 - matching funds for teacher leadership program
 - May 22nd – kickball tournament
 - PTA coffee April 29th

8:25 – 8:30 Future Dates to schedule for the Board (Janine)

- New Board Training dates, time, location (see attached)
 - May 3rd from 5pm – 9pm
- Strategic Plan Retreat Date
 - looking to July/August
- Principal's Year End Review Meeting
 - Move May 17th to May 24th
- Reminder of Board Call to approve minutes from today's meeting: Monday 4/25 @5PM
- Recommended Doug Elanowitz as a new board member to head up facilities

8:30 – Adjourn

- Kenneth moves to adjourn, Bev seconds, all present in favor