



MEETING OF THE DENVER LANGUAGE SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, Jul 22, 2015

Location: Conference call

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

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

Minutes of the Meeting – July 22, 2015

Board In Attendance:

Beverly Haddon
Kristy Fantz
Janine Erickson
Kenneth Ho
Jacob Welp
Dan Baack
Camilla Modesitt

Kathy Benzel, Principal
Amy McDermott, Operations Director

Board Action Items:
Meeting Minutes

Bev moved to approve the June 17th meeting minutes. Kristy seconded. All present favored. Dan abstained since he was not in attendance.

Dan nominated Janine as Chairperson the board. Bev seconded. All present favored.

Bev nominated Dan as vice chairperson to the board. Kristy seconded. All present favored.

Dan nominated Jacob as the treasurer to the board.

DLS Development: *presented by Beverly Haddon*

- Bev is working to set up 2nd development board meeting.
- Board recruitment- Carter- business background.
- Dan asked about the process for recruitment and if we had a process for recruitment in our by-laws.

Dan moved to amend the DLS by-laws to add in a 6 months mutual probationary period. At the end of the 6 month period, the majority of the board will call a vote to make them official members of the board. Kenneth seconded. All present favored.

DLS Facilities –East and West Update: *presented by Kenneth Ho*
West

- 9 classrooms are painted. They will have dark blue DLS accent wall.
- Bathrooms are near completion.
- Finalizing the temporary playground. Need in writing details on Calvary temporary playground.
- Ordered the new playground equipment. Permits for the new playground will be released this week.
- Kathy had a meeting with the other shared schools on site. Worked through parking lot and morning drop off. Admin team is working on finalizing the logistics.
- Parking may be an issue since owner rented some parking spaces out to a construction company.

DLS Facilities- long term update: *presented by Kristy Fantz*

- Meeting with DPS on eligibility for the 2016 bond process on Friday.
- Met with Dustin from School House Advisors Real Estate Group.
- Recommend using Dustin to search for a long term location.
- Kristy will send his contract to Bill Bethke.
- Kenneth recommended having a document that outlines our success. Kathy will put together something tomorrow.
- Kristy will send out a memo outlining facility scenarios to the board.

DLS Treasury: *presented by Jacob Welp*

- 300K surplus in the 2015 FY. This will be added to unrestricted funds for next year
- Latest favorable adjustment is for capital construction of 44K.

Academic Update: *presented by Kathy Benzel*

- DLS Won second place in the 500 M competition event at the Dragon Boat Festival. Kathy participated on the team.
- Working on the DLS STEM program with a parent. She networked for our teachers to attend a grant funded training in STEM: 2 teachers went to Hawaii and 2 teachers went to New Orleans.
- Grant proposal for DLS to host cyber camp for teachers. Amazing opportunity to show case our school and revenue for the school.
- Student support interventionist was hired for the west campus with Sara.
- Developing scope and sequence documents for grade levels.
- Kathy submitted her Professional Growth Plan for teachers to the board.

Bev moved we adjourn the board meeting at 7:55. Kenneth seconded. All present favored.

