

## Minutes from September 25, 2013 DLS Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees: Dan Baack, Kenneth Ho, Camilla Modesitt, Beverly Haddon, Huiliang Liu, Ryan Hunter, Lori Deacon

Ryan Hunter started the meeting by phone, Dan Baack opened the meeting and recorded all initial approvals for July 10 Con Call minutes, August Board Meeting minutes, September 10 Con Call minutes, September 14 Strategic Planning Meeting, and Financial Policies. All items passed with unanimous consent from those Board members present at the meetings or phone calls whose minutes were being approved. Those Board members not present abstained.

### Financial Update

Lori Deacon reviewed the August budget and answered any questions regarding the audit. Ryan noted that he is working to schedule a monthly Finance Committee Meeting and introduced Jacob Weld, a CPA with a niece at the school, as candidate for Board Treasurer.

### Strategic Planning

Ryan distributed assignments for the next iteration of the Strategic Plan:

Goal #	Board Member Responsibility
1	Dan, Dr. Sara
2	Ryan, Beverly
3	Kenneth, Beverly
4	Ryan, Huiliang
5	Dan, Huiliang
6	Ryan, Kenneth
7	Kristy, Camilla
8	Camilla, Dr. Sara

Additions to the strategy and tactic matrix are due October 18<sup>th</sup>. Ryan will send out template and strategic plan materials with the goal of finalizing the Strategic Plan by November.

### Intent to Return

In order to properly plan for DLS' Facility needs, we need to understand how many 5<sup>th</sup> graders intend to return for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Dr. Sara noted that she wanted to unveil the middle school curriculum prior to the survey being distributed. Dr. Sara then described some of the recent strategies developed by the Khan Academy to teach math using a FLIP Classroom. Board agreed that a survey would be distributed asking 5<sup>th</sup> graders whether they will return for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Available answers were "yes", "no" and "maybe".

### Facilities Committee Update

Kenneth provided an update on Facilities efforts. The Committee is searching for ECE-2 sites and ECE-8 sites. A combination of raw land and improved buildings are being evaluated. DLS has until December 1

to submit a Facility Plan to DPS to seek an exception from the 600 student “cap” placed on the school. Based on research, DPS’s architecture and facility committee noted that the maximum occupant load for the school is 1,195 persons . DLS is going to seek a meeting with DPS to clarify the 600 student “cap” and any other solutions they may have in mind.

### **Development Committee Update**

Engaged Ray Merenstein to do the Feasibility Analysis. Beverly noted some of the interviewees : Dr. Gil Cisneros, Chamber of the Americas; Daniel Greenberg, former founder and Board member of DSST; Nora Flood, Will Lee Ashley, etc.

### **PTA Update**

Jennifer Timm approved the PTA update. PTA identified their 5 priorities: 1. Thriving kids, 2. Supported School, 3. Engaged Community, 4. Respected Teachers, and 5. Sophisticated PTA. The direct giving parties have been a hit along with sponsorship. Combined, the parties and sponsorship have raised more than \$26,000 to date. Board has coverage at future Direct Giving parties.

The PTA plans to provide some information regarding School Board Elections and Amendment 66. DLS is in DPS district #3.

Motion to create a new Formal Marketing and Communication Subcommittee (Dan, Beverly seconds) passes 6-0.