

Downtown Denver Expeditionary School

Board of Directors Meeting & Retreat

Emily Griffith Technical College

6th Floor Board Room

1860 Lincoln Ave.

7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August 31, 2016

MINUTES:

- Establishment of a quorum
Present: Dave, Brittany, Tara, Cory, Terry, Susan, Kristina, also Scott, Erin, Letia and Tawana Davis
- Review and approval of the minutes of the July Board meeting
- Interview with Board candidate Rev. Tawana Davis. Susan made motion to invite Rev. Davis to join the Board. Seconded by Tara. Approved unanimously.
- Financial Report (Cory)
 - Review of financials
 - Next month the DDES and DDEMS budget will be separate.
 - Reserve is restricted to under 15%; the approved budget is 9%. If we go over 15%, we can move the dollars into a facilities line item.
- ED Report

Erin: Dashboard review (see attached dashboard):

 - DRA: goals are % of students who end the year on grade level and % of students who see a year's worth of growth.
 - MAP: goal of 70% of students meeting their growth target in math; typical growth in a school is between 45-55%, and some excellent schools score in the 60-70% range. We were at 68% in reading.
 - Did not have a math goal last year; we were still at 60% of students meeting their growth target in math.
 - 3rd grade math is an area of concern; we know that the math specialist model has been working to increase performance in math. This year, we have three math specialists for grades 2 - 5. They pull half the class out and teach math while the teacher teaches literacy. Then they swap. This provides smaller class sizes for about two hours of the day. Also allows for specialization in math and humanities.

- PARCC Results (which are embargoed)
 - Erin invites the board to do a walk-through of classrooms to understand the strong culture-building they're doing across classrooms.
 - Kristina suggests a walk-through of Odyssey to see what they're doing well, too, and consider a comparison of other schools in the neighborhood to see how they compare to DDES
 - Enrollment Update (Letia)
 - We reduced class size at K and 1 this year. There are 45 people on the K waitlist.
 - Holding on 30% FRL.
 - Non-white population is 39% (same as previous year); Hispanic population is growing, at 74 students out of 400
 - Discussion of DDES Board/Staff Enrollment Policy
 - Consideration of amendment to the Board/Staff Enrollment Policy, including a change to the language that "DDES Board members must be parent, grandparent or legal guardian of the student and have served at least one year."
 - Brittany and Kristina suggest considering adjusting the enrollment priorities to move FRL student enrollment priorities above the board member priority.
 - Cory makes a motion to pass with the amended language. Dave seconds. Passes Unanimously.
- Annual Organizational Meeting
 - Nomination of Officers
 - Secretary: Kristina
 - Treasurer: Cory
 - Vice Chair: Brittany
 - Chair: Terry
 - Tara makes a motion to approve nomination, Tawana seconds. Passes unanimously.
 - Conflict of Interest Policy Affirmation - circulated for signatures
 - Board Member Agreement - circulated for signatures
 - Establishment of Committees
 - Executive Committee: Tara, Terry, Cory, Scott
 - SAC: Kristina
 - Finance: Cory, Scott, Terry, Kristina
 - Fundraising: Susan and Tara
 - Facilities: Brittany, Mike Bouchard (Parent)
 - Middle School: Dave, Terry, Scott, Lori Deacon
 - Nominations: Brittany
 - Liz is resigning from the board
- Executive Session Pursuant to CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)

Motion to go into Executive Session by Brittany. Kristina seconds. Into Executive Session at 11:45am.

Motion to go out of Executive Session by Susan. Brittany seconds. Executive Session ends at 11:48am.

- Adjournment

Terry makes a motion to adjourn at 11:48am; Kristina seconds. Passes unanimously.