MEETING OF THE DENVER LANGUAGE SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 from 6:00PM – 9:00PM

Whiteman Campus

Mission Statement: To achieve academic excellence and intercultural competence through language immersion education

In Attendance

Board Members Susan Cheng, Lindsey Foss, Margot Goldman, Rachel Levine, Jennifer Wild, Anna Wykowski, Joanne Liu, Edwine Michel, Adam Espinosa, Veronique Van Gheem, Eugene Joseph, Jill Bergeson

Non-Board Members Richard Royal, Molly Osadjan-Rudolf

Meeting called to Order 6:04 PM

Public Comment There are no public comments.

PTO Update Molly Osadjan-Rudolf

1. Goal to raise $73k for staff appreciation fund for this year, funds the staff appreciation events
2. Goal to increase volunteer participation by 30% (caregivers) 635 families and want 30% of the families to be engaged at the school in different capacities
    a. Raised $22,000 at night market this year
        i. Night market may not be able to be held in the future due to lack of volunteers, lack of venues we can afford, hard time spending a limited amount of money to put it back in the staff fund
    b. Didn't hit the PTO's direct ask fundraising goal in September but got $1400 in donations so far this year, will be gearing up again to ask online soon. Last 10 years the September direct ask usually brings in $10k so there is some concern about fundraising.
    c. Gilpin dance coming up which is a big volunteer opportunity
    d. PTO is continuing to recruit for board members - commitment is 10-30 hours per week as board members
3. Goal to facilitate 10 or more community building events
    a. Will probably do less than 10 this year in order to streamline resources and the number of volunteers that PTO currently has available
4. Goal to increase staff participation by 10%

Meeting Minutes Lindsey Foss motions to approve the minutes, Jennifer

Wild seconds. All in favor. No opposition. The motion passes.

ED Report Richard Royal

1. Current state of Denver Public Schools/Email from District
2. ED Goals 2023
   a. Goal 3b- DLS Culture and Climate
3. Share an update about Calendar
   a. Presented responses to staff and parent surveys
   b. ED proposed calendar close alignment to DPS
4. Strategic Plan

Committee Updates **1. Governance:** board candidates will be voted on at the end of the meeting

2. DEI: Susan says that board members should set a meeting with DEI consultant Alicia Biggs

3. Finance: Eugene Joseph presented finance report. Gala numbers were not in the report. Working budget increased $600k. What did Laurie see to raise our working budget? Board should inquire. Looks like we are on track from a budget perspective.

4. SAC: Lindsey Foss. Next meeting is in January. Will be on the calendar in the next week. The SAC meetings quarterly now instead of monthly.

Vote on Reserve Fund
Spending Proposals 1. Motion to approve allocation of funds not to exceed $1.3 million for school fields necessary upgrades using synthetic turf. Eugene Joseph moves and Jill Bergeson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

2. Motion to approve the underwriting of the expenditure on salaries, during SY24-25 through SY26-27, in order to support the exploration of expansion of the Denver Language School model in the event that the DLS' operational funds cannot cover the salary costs of personnel attached to exploration. Lindsey Foss motions, Veronique Van Gheem seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Board Candidates 1. Motion to approve Edwine Michel as a DLS Board Member. Jennifer Wild motions. Adam Espinosa seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

2. Motion to approve Joanne Liu as DLS Board Members. Jennifer Wild

motions. Adam Espinosa seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Jennifer Wild moves to adjourn. Rachel Levine seconds. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM