



Denver Justice High School

Home of the Phoenix

Board Meeting Minutes January 24, 2024

Mission: To provide a college preparatory education for all enrolled students.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Gary Losh @ 6:02pm

ATTENDANCE: DJHS Board Members: T.J. Cole, Charles McNeil, Gary Losh, Kevin

Coffee, Mark Surratt arrived late. Jency Guzman absent

DJHS Administration: Stephen Parce, Principal; Tyler Bauer, Assistant Principal

I. Consent Items MINUTES

- [November 8, 2023 Minutes](#)- unanimous approved
- [Amended Budget 2023-2024](#)- Unanimous approved

The board discussed the Rental Agreement for our current building at 300 E 9th Ave and made suggestions as to how to proceed based on responses from the district and the owners of the building.

Mr. Parce discussed the Colorado Trust - The Board discussed the option and will review options at the March 13th Board meeting..

Stephen updated the board on the current Grants, Donations & Fundraisers. We are looking solid on our grant funds and our programming. The amount for the EARSS Grant Funds for 2023-2024 School Year is \$79,800.

Mr. Parce reported on the following grants:

1. Center for Relationship Education: Up2You Grant : In Process ○
2. DPS A to Z Fund for Second Semester - \$3,000 Grant Submitted,
3. Neighbor Donations - on-going monthly,
4. Wardlow family donation,
5. EASI 2024-2025 Grant Application to CDE, awaiting response from CDE. Leadership Development Focus

- Tree Machine
 - Collection Bin located on NE Corner of school along 9th Ave
 - Recycles Clothing & Shoes
 - School receives a portion of the funds from recycled items
 - Funds received directed towards DJHS Student Leadership Activities
 - Average of \$1,000 for most schools participating in this program
- Problem Gambling Coalition - Grant
 - Received Art Supplies
 - Scheduling Implementation of Dates for
 - Guest Artists
 - Presentations in Seminar Classes

Budget

- Colorado Trust 4.5% Return Deposit of Funds, Security Guarantee
 - [Brochure/Overview](#)
 - [COLO Trust Registration Form](#)
 - [COLO Trust December Rate Sheet](#)
 - [COLO Trust Highlights](#)
 - [COLO Trust Indenture of Trust](#)
- [2023-2024 Updated & Amended Budget](#)
- [School Determined Funds \(SDF\) 2020 Bond Program](#) \$175,000
 - Computer Lab & Classroom Upgrades
 - Window & Door wraps
 - Electronic Marquis

School/Staff Updates

- School
 - Student Recruitment
 - Denver Choice Expo: January 20, 2024
 - Upcoming Invitations to Present to various DPS High Schools
 - Marketing
 - Phoenix Day Excursions
 - Appreciation to Mr. Losh for driving the school bus
 - January: Bowling & Film
 - February 2nd
 - Denver Aquarium & Museum of Nature and Science
 - March 1st
 - Butterfly Pavilion
 - Field Academy

- Credit Recovery Expeditions
- o Momentum S & R Site Visit (funded by CDE 2023 EASI Grant)
 - Live Video overview
 - Lead of Site Visit: Principal Casey Simpson
 - o From SouthWest Open School: Public AEC Charter in Colorado
 - [Slides Presentation](#)
 - Momentum S & R will work with DJHS Leadership Team on our 2024-2025 UIP
- Building
 - o Air Conditioning
 - A/C repair scheduled: January 25-26
 - Extension contingency dates: January 29-30
 - o Property Rental 300 E 9th Avenue - Updates
 - Conversation with representative
 - Boiler Inspection
 - Roof Inspection
- Mr. Parce and the board discussed the contingency building planning: Formal Request Submitted to DPS
 - o Primary Contingency Requested DPS site: Manual High School
 - No AEC located on site (Majority of DPS H.S. have a DPS AEC on site) Preferred because it is in close proximity to existing location
- Staff- Mr. Parce gave the board an update on the staff positions that were open. Board members had no comment.
 - o Administrative Assistant
 - o Social Studies
 - Posting of Positions
 - o Colorado Youth for A Change: Third Intern Started January 22, 2024
 - o DJHS Faculty Handbook
 - Working on updates and submission for review
 - o DJHS Employee Contracts
 - Preparing for 2024-2025 Academic Year
 - Proposed COLA & Salary Adjustments: March DJHS Board Meeting
- Assessments
 - o Teaching and Learning Conditions in Colorado (TLCC) Survey for staff
 - o Fall DPS Tu Voz “Your Voice” Survey for parents and students.
 - DJHS Return Rate 37%. District Goal 15% or higher
 - The board congratulated the DJHS Team on the successful return rate.

Mr. Bauer updated on the Winter MAPs We are making some positive incremental steps. ~85% completion at this point. Winter BESS (Behavior and Emotional Screening System)

- Teacher assessment expansion for Winter 2024; Parents in Spring 2024
- Testing window closes Feb. 2nd
- o ACCESS:
 - Progress: 15% completion at this point.
 - Testing Window closes Feb. 9th

Public Comment: No Public comments were requested

- [DJHS 2023-2024 UIP](#)

[DJHS Black Excellence Plan 2023-2024](#)