

MEETING OF THE DENVER LANGUAGE SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 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 Usman, Lindsey Foss, Ken Zerkel, Adam Espinosa, Margo Goldman, Joanne Liu, Jennifer Wild, Anna Wykowski, Edwine Michel; Veronique Van Gheem

Non-Board Members: Richard Royal; Marlene Miranda; Dean Hirt; Molly Osadjan Rudolf; Brianna

Meeting Called to Order

Susan Cheng Usman

6:04

Public Comment

Adam Espinosa: First day of school drop off went great and was well organized

PTO Update

Molly Osadjan Rudolf and Dean Hirt

1. Increase parent volunteering 30%
2. Coordinate 10 building events in each building
3. Increase staff participation by 10%
4. Support school fundraising in partnership with school administration, focused on engagement and positive communication in both directions

Night Market coming on September 14, PTO is working on volunteer and new communication strategy for PTO in general.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Susan Cheng Usman moves to approve the May 28, 2024; June 25, 2024 and Board Retreat July 30, 2024 meeting minutes. Ken Zerkel seconds. All in favor.

Board Self-Evaluation

Lindsey Foss

Will continue to focus through the year on issues Board identified in evaluation, including:

1. Deepen our Focus on our students/family experience
2. Shift our stance to be more strategic
3. Engage the DLS Community
4. Sustain a strong, effective Board

ED Report

Richard Royal

1. Seeing year over year of growth in language arts.
2. CMAS Results
3. Discussion of attendance versus CMAS results comparison
4. Supplemental study time for those with students not meeting expectations in CMAS results
5. Transportation
6. Water

Committee Updates

Finance Committee:

Ken Zerkel. No finance committee meeting month. But significantly over budgeted for head count.

Governance Committee:

Veronique Van Gheem. Board Training will be over zoom and Governance will reach out to charter league to received first three modules. Discussed 24-25 Board meeting calendar. Susan created a dashboard for board members for easily accessible links.

SAC:

Lindsey Foss. First Monday September 16. Additional parent or community members to join SAC.

Facilities:

Field payment sent to DPS. \$976,000

Vision 2023 Update

Ken Zerkel

Strategic Goals drafted by Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Committee

Jennifer Wild moves to approve the four strategic goals proposed by Ad Hoc Committee. Adam Espinosa seconds. All in Favor.

Executive Board Session

Susan Cheng moves that the Denver Language School Board go into Executive Session, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(3)(a) to discuss personnel matters.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: Jennifer Wild
Second: Adam Espinosa
All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM