

## MEETING OF THE DENVER LANGUAGE SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2025

6:00PM – 8:10PM

Gilpin Campus

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

### In Attendance

Board Members Lindsey Foss; Joanne Liu; Veronique Van Gheem; Ken Zerkel; Jennifer Wild; Susan Cheng; Edwine Michel; Margo Goldman; Joanne Liu

Non-Board Members Camilla Modesitt; Annie Trujillo; Liz Wilburn Lewis

**Meeting called to Order** 6:08 PM

**Public Comment** There are no public comments.

**PTO** Liz Wilburn Lewis  
1. Handout distributed for PTO Update to Board on PTO events, etc.  
2. Link to Excel Spreadsheet for Board and other volunteers in slides

**Meeting Minutes** Veronique Van Gheem  
Susan Cheng motions to approve the 2.25.2025 minutes. Ken Zerkel seconds. All in favor. No opposition. The motion passes.

**ED Report** Annie Trujillo and Camilla Modesitt (Richard Royal out)  
1. French Middle School Report - Cannot run a French Ministry of Education curriculum because it is not aligned to common core/CO state standards. May be able to consider it and incorporate it into current curriculum.  
2. Improvement/Investment in SpEd  
3. Elementary Principal Recruitment: Jessica Reed, current Whiteman Assistant Principal has been offered the role. The best candidate for the role. Next step is to hire an assistant principal.

**Vision 2030** Camilla Modesitt  
1. Review and approve proposed edits to organization's language on strategic plan and how it is presented  
2. Vote on External Communication Plan for Vision 2030  
a. Jennifer Wild motions to approve external communication plan for Vision 2030. Edwine Michel seconds. All in favor. No opposition. The motion passes.  
b. Joann Liu not present for vote

**Ad Hoc Committee and Governance** Susan Cheng and Edwin Michel  
1. Discuss ED score card as against strategic plan for evaluation purposes  
2. Discuss subcommittee responsibilities for reporting out and holding school accountable to strategic plan

3. Virtual versus In-person meetings for Board discussed. Will vote on this soon. Watch out for the Intent to Return form for all next year for all board members. Will be sent out by email in upcoming weeks.

### **Committee Updates**

**SAC:** Next meeting is June 9, 2025. May need an ad hoc meeting in between. Slides discuss areas of inquiry for the subcommittee.

**Finance:** See board meeting slides. 0.5% federal funding. DPS may increase charter fees.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Jennifer Wild moves to adjourn. Ken Zerkel seconds. All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM