

## **MINUTES**

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting

March 23, 2017

DaVita (Building referred to as Casa Nueva), 2nd Floor, Room – Rocks

Meeting Called to Order: 2:37 p.m.

### **Board Members Present:**

Alex Hernandez

Dan Wilkerson

David Greenberg

Deborah McGriff\*

George Sparks\*

Gina Rodriguez

Glenn Russo

Gloria Zamora

Justin Jaschke

Matthew Schnittman\*

Nate Easley

Patrick O'Keefe\*

Peter Fritzing

Sean VanBerschoot

Teresa Berryman

\*Attended via conference call

**Parent Present:** Michel Brossmer (Byers STP)

**Board Members Absent:** Dwight Jones

**DSST Staff Present:** Bill Kurtz, Christine Nelson, Heather Lamm, Jess Palfy, Katie Glenn, Scott Walker, Wendy King

**DPS Staff Present:** None

### **Welcome**

Ms. Zamora welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed back David Greenberg to the board. Ms. Zamora also had the board participate in an icebreaker.

**School Director Q&A:** N/A

**Public Comment:** None

**Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes, Wilkerson**

**Second:** Hernandez

**Vote:** Unanimous Approval

## **Motion to approve new board member, Greg Sissel, Easley**

Second: Berryman

Unanimous Approval

**Discussion:** Ms. Palffy presented a PowerPoint on Success in Placement which is one of DSST's Core Model Elements. Following Ms. Palffy's presentation, Ms. Zamora presented a PowerPoint on the Board Vision.

## **Reports**

Mr. Kurtz shared a few quick Home Office updates. The updates included information on school performance, Aurora, and DSST's place in the educational political landscape in Denver. Ms. Lamm added to the Home Office updates information regarding DSST's enrollment for next school year.

After the Home Office updates, Ms. Zamora stated that due to time restraints they were going to give the time from the Executive Committee and Education & IT Committee reports to the Advancement Committee.

Mr. VanBerschot reported that the board has two roles for DSST's upcoming annual fundraising event called Slice of Pi. The first one being knowing your role leading up to the event (writing personalized invites) and the second one being knowing your role at the event (being present and welcoming attendees). Mr. VanBerschot also added information on how much money has been raised to date, how short we are of our goal and stretch goal as well as how short we are with our board goal. Mr. Kurtz concluded the Advancement Committee's report by recognizing Ms. King and Mr. VanBerschot for all their hard work on the event. He also asked the board to invite more people to the event and introduce them to DSST.

Ms. Berryman shared that the Finance Committee just completed a deep dive of DSST's finances to reconcile the budget re-write. She also added that in the board book there is information on DSST Public Schools Foundation. She stated that DSST Public Schools Foundation was created years ago but sitting dormant and is now active. She also shared that the Finance Committee will be bringing a new investment policy to approve at the board meeting next month. The Finance Committee will also be providing an investment policy for DSST Public Schools Foundation but this policy does not need to be approved by the board. Ms. Berryman concluded her report by complimenting Mr. Walker and his team on how they approach budgets both taking into account goals and enrollment.

Mr. Fritzingler shared that the Audit Committee has received a few bids for this year's audit and has decided to continue working with Eide Bailly.

Mr. Jaschke shared that the Nominating and Governance Committee is currently working through an exciting pool of board candidates.

**New Business:** None

## **Executive Session**

Ms. Zamora stated, "I would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session as permitted under the Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402 (4) to the purpose of:

- Pursuant to subsection (e) Determining positions relative to personnel matters, that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators; specifically compensation.

**Motion to go end regular board meeting at 5:10pm, Wilkerson**

**Second:** Rodriguez

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Motion to go into Executive Session at 5:09pm, VanBerschot**

**Second:** Fritzing

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Motion to end Executive Session at 5:33pm, Easley**

**Second:** Fritzing

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

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Katie Glenn (note-taker) for Sean VanBerschot, Secretary