



## MINUTES

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting  
May 28, 2015

DSST: Green Valley Ranch High School, Room 2-211

Meeting Called to Order: 2:32 p.m.

### **Board Members Present:**

Alex Hernandez  
Dan Wilkerson  
David Greenberg  
Deborah McGriff (via phone)  
Don Kirkpatrick  
Dwight Jones  
Gloria Zamora  
Heather Lamm  
Jackie Sullivan  
Justin Jaschke  
Keith Evans  
Matthew Schnittman  
Michele Cooper  
Norwood Robb  
Peter Fritzingler  
Sean VanBerschoot  
Teresa Berryman (Chair for meeting)

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

**Board Members Absent:** Steve Halstedt, Steve McConahey, Tanya Kelly-Bowry

**DSST Staff Present:** Bill Kurtz, Coreen Miller, Denise Queen, Katie Glenn (note taker), Scott Walker (via phone), Whitney Smith (Stapleton High School – Senior Project Coordinator)

**DPS Staff Present:** None

### **Welcome**

Ms. Berryman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Michel Brossmer. Ms. Brossmer is a Byers Parent and the new STP Board liaison for our Byers Campus. After Ms. Brossmer's introduction each board member introduced themselves.

Mr. Kurtz introduced Rainie Toll. Ms. Toll was a senior at Stapleton High School and graduated last week.

**School Director Q&A:** School Director Q&A did not occur at this meeting. In place of the School Director Q&A Ms. Toll presented her senior project which examined education equality, and specifically the DSST model that aims to address and solve the achievement gap. In her presentation, Ms. Toll provided an overview about academics and rigor at DSST from a student's lens.

**Public Comment:** Ms. Brossmer thanked the board for having her and added that she found Ms. Toll's presentation very interesting. She also shared a brief summary of her 6<sup>th</sup> grade son's first year experience at DSST: Byers Middle School.

### **Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** Approval of previous board meeting minutes, Jashke

**Second:** Zamora

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Motion:** Approval of DSST 2015-2016 Budget, Wilkerson

**Second:** Robb

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

## **Discussion**

Mr. Walker presented a powerpoint on the long term forecast for DSST. He then concluded his presentation by opening up the discussion to a Q and A.

## **Reports**

Mr. Kurtz shared that he is excited about developing charters for our strategic priorities next year and the charters are a great shift in building capacity. Mr. Kurtz continued by complimenting Mr. Walker on his project management and for moving things forward with the strategic initiatives.

Mr. Kurtz closed by opening up the discussion to a Q and A about any of the information in the Home Office Reports or Strategic Initiative Charters.

Ms. Berryman reported that the Executive Committee gave themselves a B+ for this year's work.

Mr. Kirkpatrick shared that the IT Deep Dive hosted by Home Office Team Members in April was easily the best ever and they seem to be getting better each year. He also mentioned that the IT Deep Dive was videotaped and will be shared with the board. Mr. Kirkpatrick concluded by sharing that the IT Advisory Committee and Education Committee will continue to work together next year.

Mr. Greenberg shared that the Education Committee is currently reviewing analytics and will discuss what's happening to DSST alumni as they go to college and beyond. He added that they will also discuss what they learned between the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 9<sup>th</sup> grade models with student metrics. Lastly, Mr. Greenberg recommended that they board watch the video on the Center Program on the DPS website.

Ms. Berryman reported that the Finance Committee had an overall good year and based on the report it is clear what their goals will be next year.

Ms. Queen reported that they reached their one million dollar goal at Slice of Pi this year. She added that they piloted a program to allocate money to school budgets for the 2015-2016 school year resulting in \$20 per student. She also reported that sponsorships, the giving wall, and ticket sales raised a total of \$13,500. She concluded her report by thanking the board for their help and support in reaching their goal.

Ms. Lamm reported that the Nominating and Governance Committee gave themselves an A+ for the year based on the four new board members in the room. She added that the board is currently at 20 members however June will be the last month for three of our board members (David Greenberg, Michele Cooper, and Norwood Robb). She continued by sharing that they are currently looking to build DSST's board pipeline for the upcoming term limits. She concluded by stating that next year there aren't many board members who will reach their term limit but they still want to have candidates in mind for the future and would like to add 1-2 board members by the end of next year.

**New Business:** Mr. Kurtz invited the board to a dinner in August to celebrate the contributions of Norwood Robb, Michele Cooper, and David Greenberg.

Mr. Halstedt stated, "I would entertain 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 matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators; specifically the timing and location of additional schools and campuses.
- Personnel Matter

**Motion to go into Executive Session at 4:45pm, Greenberg**

**Second:** Robb

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Motion to end Executive Session and adjournment of Board Meeting at 5:36pm, Robb**

**Second:** Cooper

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

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