

MINUTES

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting

March 22, 2018

DSST: College View Middle School, Room 107

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

Board Members Present:

Alex Hernandez
David Greenberg*
Deborah McGriff*
Gina Rodriguez
George Sparks*
Glenn Russo
Gloria Zamora
Greg Sissel
Justin Jaschke
Patrick O'Rourke
Peter Fritzinger
Sean VanBerschoot
Teresa Berryman

*Attended via conference call

Parent Present: Chris Paoletti (Byers STP)

Board Members Absent: Dwight Jones, Patrick O'Keefe

DSST Staff Present: Bill Kurtz, Bill Tortorici, Christine Nelson, Heather Lamm, Jess Palffy, Jeremy Wickenheiser, Katie Glenn, Kyle Tons, Libby Brien, Scott Walker, Schuyler Fishman attended for a portion of the meeting.

DPS Staff Present: None

Welcome

Ms. Zamora welcomed everyone to the meeting and had meeting attendees participate in an icebreaker.

School Director Q&A: Libby Brien, DSST: College View Middle School. Ms. Brien provided a brief update on College View Middle School and then proceeded to have a Q&A with the board. Ms. Brien left the meeting at the conclusion of the Q&A.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes, Berryman

Second: Fritzinger

Vote: Unanimous Approval

Discussion:

Mr. Wickenheiser presented a powerpoint presentation on DSST's Entrepreneurial Studies, also known as DSST's E-Ship program. The presentation focused on using entrepreneurship as a vehicle for essential skills. After Mr. Wickenheiser's presentation, Ms. Palffy and Ms. Nelson presented a powerpoint presentation on DSST's College Data. Ms. Palffy and Ms. Nelson shared that DSST's vision has shifted within the last year from a focus on college access to college success. At the end of each presentation the board participated in a Q&A with the presenters.

Reports

Mr. Kurtz and Ms. Lamm shared an enrollment update during the CEO Report. Ms Lamm presented a powerpoint presentation on key inputs, DSST's round 1 enrollment summary, and the market demands.

Mr. Fritzingler shared that the Audit Committee is now overseeing Risk Management instead of the Finance and Operations Committee. Mr. Fritzingler also shared that Dwight Jones, Teresa Berryman, and himself are the representatives from the DSST Board to the DSST Foundation Board. He then provided a brief overview on the purpose of the DSST Foundation.

Mr. Walker shared that DSST is not projected to hit the same numbers for Slice of Pi as they did in 2017. With that being said, grant money is projected to come in higher than we predicted. Mr. Walker encouraged the entire board to be present at Slice of Pi and to bring a friend as well. He continued by stating that Slice of Pi is a great way to introduce people to DSST. He also shared that another great opportunity to see our mission in action is DSST's 2nd Annual Senior Signing Day on May 2nd. He also encouraged the board to attend a donor tour and send a colleague/friend to one too. Lastly, Mr. Sissel has volunteered to engage new prospects into our donor pipeline.

Mr. Jaschke requested that if any board members have any leads on potential board members to please send their names and contact information to the Nominating and Governance Committee. He also shared that the DSST Board is looking to fill 3-4 roles next year.

The Executive Committee did not have an update/report to share at this meeting.

The Finance and Operations Committee did not have an update/report to share at this meeting.

The Education and Technology Committee did not have an update/report to share at this meeting.

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 (f) to the purpose of:

(f) (I) Personnel matters except if the employee who is the subject of the session has requested an open meeting, or if the personnel matter involves more than one employee, all of the employees have requested an open meeting. With respect to hearings held pursuant to the "Teacher Employment, Compensation, and Dismissal Act of 1990", article 63 of title 22, C.R.S., the provisions of section 22-63-302 (7) (a), C.R.S., shall govern in lieu of the provisions of this subsection (4).

Motion to end regular board meeting at 5:05pm, Fritzinger

Second: Russo

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to go into Executive Session at 5:05pm, Fritzinger

Second: Berryman

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to end Executive Session at 5:30pm, Jaschke

Second: Russo

Vote: Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

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