

Community Innovation Partners/Dallas Community School Board Minutes

Date: September 21, 2017

Location: 140 Clay Street, Dallas, Oregon

Facilitator: Teresa Crossley, Vice President

Secretary: Becki Gann, Secretary

Present

Aaron Kumnick, Board Member

Vickie Nutt, Board Member

Holly Watkins, Board Member

Absent

Scott Burwash, Treasurer

Staff

Bill Conlon, Director

Monica McQueen, Enrichment Coordinator

Dawn Adams, Guide

Cindy McGinnis, Guide

Julie Rain, Guide

Cheri Reinke, Guide

Public

Snowanna Stephenson

1. Called to order at 7:04 pm

Teresa opens with a reading of the DCS Mission and Vision.

2. Public Comments

Dawn wants to be more informed.

Guides plan to send two representatives to each Board Meeting, offering a "Staff Spotlight" and sharing student progress reports.

3. Discuss and approve agenda, dashboard, and minutes

Aaron motions to approve agenda, dashboard, and minutes as emailed. Vicki seconds. Motion carries with unanimous vote.

4. Director's Report

a. Results of 2016-17 Family Enrichment Survey

Bill distributes a matrix of the Afternoon Enrichment Courses at DCS, September 25 – December 19, 2017, and a preview of 2017-2017 Day Field Trips.

Because of our second Dallas-based facility, more enrichments can meet the needs and interests for every age group at every level, a direct result of the recent Family Enrichment Survey. At present, Fall Term 2017 has roughly 450 registered student hours for almost fifty classes at three locations (Main Campus, North Campus, and Lebanon) and several off-site locations. Friday workshops will soon be made available.

Field trips through February 2018, including several tying into enrichments, were recently confirmed. Because overnights are expensive, a field trip budget increase of about 50% is needed to offer them. We will instead present more family-oriented, high-quality day trips, a common suggestion found in the Family Enrichment Surveys. We may still offer the annual camp-out.

b. Discuss Morning Program

Bill distributes a document on the DCS Morning Program with Historical Overview and Class Summary for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Because of an increase in student population from 125 in 2015-16 to 197 in 2017-18, the original model for DCS no longer functions. We are growing and changing. Staff will continue to review and improve the current model to better meet the needs of all of our students. Both the Staff and Board recognize that different children have different needs. While each DCS student gets dedicated time with a guide, some families may require more if their student needs include autism, dyslexia, etc. Other students may struggle in math or language arts or require more science or history-based learning. Friday workshops and enrichments help but may not satisfy all needs, or can they? Our goal is to be a healthy, positive, inclusive culture. The Board can help Staff with a clear, concise, and objective direction. Continuing to encourage parental involvement is also key.

Staff is continuing to hold weekly meetings to discuss progress and plan for the following week. The current Morning Program is dividing their students into emergent and intermediate groups. Emails with weekly recaps and access to our page on planbook.com will provide families with immediate connections to daily lesson plans, summaries of lessons, links for at-home lesson expansions, and applicable teaching standards.

c. OSBA Evaluation

Next week, an OSBA evaluator will visit the school for the day and look into our performance in three areas: academic, financial, and organizational structure. That same evening, she will conduct a Board training.

5. Healthcare Committee

A committee has been formed between Bill, two Board members, and two Staff members whereas the Board will present questions and meet with Bill and Staff to address them. At this time, no updates are available.

6. Treasurer's Report

There was no financial meeting in September, and the treasurer is not present at this meeting. A text from the treasurer indicates that our budget is "status quo."

7. Facility Report

Aaron reports that a lease has been finalized for our Main Campus at the Birch Street property.

There is potential with the Trillium Building on Evergreen Road in Independence. It is not an issue that this building does not reside in DSD2 as we will maintain an ongoing presence in Dallas, per our Charter.

In the immediate Dallas area, everything is either too small or very big and for sale, not for lease. We need to lease. Meanwhile, a real estate agent continues to look on our behalf.

8. Community Outreach Report

Holly met with a representation from HELP (Help Eliminate Learning Problems, Inc.) who offered to speak at the school. Holly and Bill are also developing a community events calendar.

9. DCS Contract Renewal

Board members are asked to read our current contract prior to the next Board Meeting and prepare any questions.

12. Governance

Volunteers from the Board are requested to attend the OSBA Annual Convention, November 9-12, 2017, in Portland. This is an excellent opportunity for Board Training. As first-time attendees, the whole weekend is only \$25 per.

With an upcoming vacancy, another member in the immediate future would maintain the current balance. The process for adopting a new board member includes applications reviewed by the Board and a new member committee formed to interview applicants prior to a final vote.

13. Adjourned at 9:07 pm. Next Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, at 7:00 pm.