



Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2019 (11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Location: DPP Offices – 305 Park Ave West, Suite B, Denver, CO 80205

Members in attendance: Mr. Zach Hochstadt (Chair), Mr. Michael Baker (Vice-Chair), Ms. Susan Steele (Secretary/Treasurer), Councilwoman Stacie Gilmore, Ms. Anna Jo Haynes, Ms. Amber Münck and Dr. Rebecca Kantor

Members on Conference Call: Ms. Janice Sinden

Members not in attendance: Ms. Penny May and Ms. Chris Watney

Staff in attendance: Ms. Ellen Braun, Dr. Marina M. Mendoza, Mr. Chris Miller, Ms. Tricia Nelson, and Ms. Angeles Ross

Guests: Ms. Cody Belzley, Ms. Amanda Brannum, Mr. Charles Dukes, Ms. Meg Franko, Ms. Kara Penn, Dr. Lisa Roy, Ms. Jennifer Schroeder, and Ms. Andrea Westinicky

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up/Decision
Call to Order		
Consent Agenda		<p><i>(For Approval)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January 11, 2019, Board Minutes ▪ October 2018, Financial Statements ▪ November 2018, Financial Statements ▪ December 31, 2018, Statement of Financial Position <p>Ms. Münck motioned to approve the consent agenda; Mr. Baker seconded; All approved.</p>

<p>Legislation Support</p>	<p><u>Legislation Support</u> DPP presented House Bill 1052 for Board review. The bill will allow for the creation of special districts for the purpose of delivering early childhood development services.</p> <p>The Board requested that a legislation support protocol be established prior to discussing future legislation.</p>	<p>Ms. Haynes motioned to support HB 1052; Ms. Münck seconded; Approved. Ms. Steele is recorded as abstaining.</p>
<p>2017-2018 Enrollment Data</p>	<p><u>2017-2018 Enrollment Data</u> Ms. Mendoza presented the 2017-2018 Program Year Review, noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPP approved 5,013 applications, of which 93.8 percent of all applications received funding, or 4,702 tuition credit beneficiaries. The difference between approved students and benefit recipients historically hovers around 10 percent. • Over \$13.5 million in tuition credits was delivered to Denver families. This does not include the DPS reconciliation. • DPP’s enrollment team will continue to work with the communications team to help increase enrollment to reach our strategic goal of 80 percent. • The majority of DPP beneficiaries are children of color. In the last three years, there has been a steady decrease in the percentage of Hispanic students. The Board discussed the possible reasons for this. • Page 43 of the Board packet outlined the tier and participation level distribution for the 2017-2018 school year. Fifty nine percent of DPP students are in Tier 1 and Tier 2, the next most common Tier is Tier 5. • Mr. Baker requested data to show the DPP provider breakdown from a decade ago. • \$2.07 million was delivered in quality improvement funds to over 250 preschools. 	
<p>Gap Scholarship Task Force Update</p>	<p><u>Gap Scholarship Task Force Update</u> Ms. Braun updated the Board of Directors on the status of the Gap Scholarship Task Force, describing to them the work that the Task Force accomplished and detailing the limitations that arose throughout the meetings.</p>	<p>Ms. Münck motioned to create a workgroup of the Board to focus on the Gap Scholarship Model; Dr. Kantor seconded; All approved.</p>

	<p>Staff requested a Gap Scholarship Workgroup to explore and finalize program model. The workgroup will deeply review the parameters and priorities put forth by the Task Force. The workgroup will include Mr. Baker, Councilwoman Gilmore, Ms. Haynes, Ms. May, Ms. Münck, and Ms. Sinden.</p> <p>The Board will review further exploration into innovative projects at a later date.</p>	
Operations Evaluation	<p><u>Operations Evaluation</u> Due to the impending Denver Classroom Teachers Association Strike and limited time in the Board meeting, the Board of Directors chose to postpone the Operations Evaluation presentation.</p>	DPP staff will work with the Butler Institute to reschedule the Operations Evaluation presentation.
Denver Classroom Teachers Association Strike	<p><u>Denver Classroom Teachers Association Strike</u> Due to the Denver Classroom Teachers Association Strike, all ECE classes will be canceled for the duration of the strike due to licensing and protections needed to educate and care for their youngest learners. Approximately 3,200 DPP children will be impacted. Dr. Roy, DPS's Executive Director of Early Education, detailed the nuanced of the strike.</p>	Ms. Steele motioned to create a \$50,000 not-to-exceed budget to be dispersed at DPP's staff discretion. These funds will be utilized to support community providers who may enroll DPS children impacted by the strike; any supplementary needs will be brought before the Finance and Governance Committee for approval; Ms. Haynes seconded; All approved.
Executive Session – Personnel		Mr. Baker motioned to adjourn into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel; Ms. Steele seconded; All approved.
Adjourn		Ms. Haynes motioned to adjourn; Councilwoman Gilmore seconded; All approved.

