



Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2019 (1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

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

Members in attendance: Ms. Susan Steele (Secretary/Treasurer), Ms. Erin Brown, Mr. Chris Daues, Councilwoman Stacie Gilmore, Ms. Anna Jo Haynes, Dr. Rebecca Kantor, Ms. Amber Münck and Ms. Janice Sinden

Members on Conference Call: Ms. Penny May

Members not in attendance: Mr. Zach Hochstadt (Chair), Mr. Michael Baker (Vice-Chair), 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. Amanda Brannum, Mr. Charles Dukes, Ms. Priscilla Hopkins, Ms. Gerri Gomez Howard, Mr. Bill Jaeger, Ms. Ramonna Robinson, Ms. Lisa Roy, Ms. Andrea Streff, and Ms. Dionne Williams

Guests on Conference Call: Mr. John Rassman and Ms. Christine Sakoulas

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up/Decision
Call to Order		
Consent Agenda		<p><i>(For Approval)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ March 19, 2019, Board Minutes ▪ January 2019, Financial Statements ▪ February 2019, Statement of Financial Position <p>Ms. Sinden motioned to approve the consent agenda; Ms. Haynes seconded; All approved.</p>

<p>Communications Presentation</p>	<p><u>Communications Presentation</u> Ms. Robinson from Ground Floor Media and Ms. Gomez Howard from the Gomez Howard Group presented to the Board of Directors on behalf of the DPP Communications Team, which is comprised of four separate contractors. They highlighted the integrated scope of work, the measurable objectives of the 2019 Communications Plan, and the team approach to communications campaigns.</p> <p>Throughout the presentation, the Board of Directors discussed the decrease in enrollment and how the communications team strategies work to enroll children in DPP.</p>	
<p>City Audit Update</p>	<p><u>City Audit Update</u> Ms. Braun updated the Board on the City Audit status. The City Auditor is preparing to send DPP the approved scope. All initial interviews have been completed.</p>	
<p>Kindergarten NOW Update</p>	<p><u>Full-Day Kindergarten Legislation Update</u> Mr. Jaeger presented to the Board of Directors the implications of the current full-day kindergarten legislation on the preschool community in Denver, highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal is not a mandate for school districts to offer full-day kindergarten nor a mandate for parents to enroll their children in full-day kindergarten. • The bill will allow districts that currently use ECARE slots for full-day kindergarten to instead retain the slots for full or half-day preschool within that district. • The set budget for the bill is \$185 million. 	
<p>Executive Session – Contracts</p>		<p>Ms. Münck motioned to adjourn into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing contracts; Ms. Haynes seconded; All approved.</p>
<p>DPS Payment Adjustment</p>	<p>The Denver Preschool Program Board of Directors discussed options to reduce DPS’ February tuition payment as a result of the February teachers strike and preschool closures.</p>	<p>Ms. Sinden motioned to reduce February DPS tuition reimbursement due to the</p>

	The option to reduce tuition credit for each student who attended in February by 21.05 percent is in alignment with the action DPS took for families who pay tuition to DPS for ECE.	Denver Public Schools teacher strike by 21.05 percent; Ms. Brown seconded; All approved. Mr. Hochstadt will contact Dr. Lisa Roy and a formal memo will be sent to the DPS operations offices.
Adjourn		Ms. Brown motioned to adjourn; Ms. Haynes seconded; All approved.

I certify that the above minutes are correct and approved by the Board of Directors.

Susan Steele, Secretary/Treasurer