



A DC Demonstration Public Charter School

Inspired Teaching Demonstration School
Monday, May 18, 2015
Board Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
6:57 pm – 9:00 pm

Approved, June 22, 2015

In attendance: Gary Cohen (Chair), Gay Cioffi, Marc Fisher, Aleta Margolis, Michael Reed, Eli Savit, Deborah Dantzler Williams
Via conference line: Laurie Wingate

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 PM.

Review and Approval of Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of March 16, 2015.

2015-2016 Budget

The 2015-2016 budget was presented by Kate Keplinger, Chief Operating Officer. The Board unanimously adopted the 2015-2016 budget.

Nominating Committee Report

Eli Savit provided an update from the Nominating & Governance Committee, including recommended candidates for the Board and recommended changes to the Board bylaws.

Board Bylaws

Upon the recommendation of the Nominating & Governance Committee, the Board unanimously adopted the following amendments to the Board bylaws:

- Article III, Section 2: Delete the current subsection (c), which reads: “At least one Director shall be a teacher of the Demonstration School.”
- Article III, Section 3: Revise the paragraph to add the following (bolded) language: “Thereafter, each Director shall be elected to a three-year term, **except that the Board may, in its discretion, appoint Directors who are parents of students attending the Demonstration School to a shorter term.**”
- Article V, Section 2: Revise the following sentence as follows: “Such principles shall include, at a minimum, Director qualification standards, Director responsibilities, **and** annual performance evaluation of the Board, ~~and annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director.~~”

Approval of new Board members

The Board unanimously voted to approve the following Board members: Anika Simpson (3-year term); John Leibovitz (2-year term); Miranda Brown (3-year term).

Updates and New Business

Deborah Dantzer Williams provide various school updates.

- Building completion: Front of the building is expected to be completed before the end of May.
- Enrollment: The School is on track for full enrollment (366), with a substantial waiting list.
- Staffing and contracts: Offers for next school year have been accepted by 3 new teachers. The principals have determined that there will be teacher residents in all classrooms next year, except for the PK classroom to be staffed with two first year teachers, and 7th Grade (middle school). The Inspired Teaching Teacher Certification Program will certify teachers in Early Childhood (PS – 3rd Grade) and Elementary Education (1st – 6th Grades) in the 2015 - 2015 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.