

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VENTURE PREP

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Venture Prep was duly called on October 14th, 2015, at Venture Prep High School. Present at the meeting were:

Stephen DallaBetta	Board Chair
Drew Bixby	Vice Chair
Jake Gilmore	Board Member
Kayla McGannon	Past Board Chair
Justin McMorrow	Board Member
Erin Quigley	Executive Director

I. Chair Dalla Betta formally called the meeting to order. Prior meeting minutes approved by the Board unanimously. Chair Dalla Betta and Erin, Venture's Executive Director, provided an update on Board recruitment. Drew spoke to the need for a parent member of the board and Jake will focus on recruitment at the SAC meeting in November. Kayla asked Erin if she could do a tour with one of her potential Board candidates - Erin will arrange a time for Kayla and the potential candidate. Board discussed attributes they're looking for in potential board candidates.

Board discussed adding photos and bios to the website to familiarize the community and potential families with the Board. Chair presented the whistleblower policy to the Board, recommended by our consultant. Chair and Board discussed a winter strategy retreat in December where the Board will spend three to four hours together with the Executive Director.

II. Executive Director report - Erin provided an update to the Board and spoke first to the attendance indicators. Board asked questions on school response when students are chronically absent. Erin provided an overview of the extensive plan and the staff procedures in place. Erin described her desire to move to a quarter rather than semester system in order to deal with the attendance issues.

Erin provided an overview of the academic indicators she reviews. ACT indicators raise significant concerns for the Board. Erin is in the process of assessing and identifying the key indicators and changes that may need to be made to address the concerns from the academic indicators. Data driven instruction must be a foundation. Chair and Vice Chair spoke to their work with Erin to identify goals for the executive director. (metrics for success and implementation of new strategies)

III. Financial update - enrollment is down from projections. Chair provided an update on the 2016 working budget and some of the existing budgetary needs.

IV. New Facility Planning – Erin and Kayla provided the Board with an update of a recent tour of Barrett Elementary School in the Park Hill neighborhood. The school is a potential site for Venture Prep. Kayla and Erin spoke to the unique opportunity the site presents, specifically the room for growth and the size of the lot and grass space as it would serve our high school athletes well. The Board asked questions about what immediate changes would need to be made to accommodate high school students. Erin and Kayla felt confident in their conversations with DPS to date as it relates to the school’s immediate needs being met and long-term needs being a part of the next DPS bond planning process. Next steps were for Erin to speak with DPS about the Board’s interest in the site and clarify what the Board and school need to do to be in the best position to move to the Barrett Campus.

V. Public Comment – No public comment was heard.

Chair formally adjourned the meeting.