

Venture Prep Board of Directors Meeting – April 6, 2015

A meeting of the Venture Prep Board of Directors was called to order on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 5:30pm at Venture Prep High School. Present at the meeting were:

Kayla McGannon – Board Chair
Tim Sznewajs – Board Member
Drew Bixby – Board Member
Tony Ferrufino – Board Member
Justin McMorrow – Board Member
Jake Gilmore – Board Member
Scott Franzblau – Middle School Principal
Clare Vickland – High School Co-Principal
Stephen Dalla Betta – Board Vice Chair (via phone)

I. Welcome and Introductions

- A. Quick update on meetings with DPS and Kurt at McAuliffe on the shared space
- B. Update on recent conversations between the Chair and OSRI on the Smiley facility

II. Middle School update - Scott Franzblau

III. Enrollment update

IV. Budget – Stephen Dalla Betta

V. Staff morale / culture – Clare Vickland

VI Student & school highlights / concerns – Clare Vickland

VII. Principal recruitment – Tim Sznewajs and Drew Bixby

VIII. Public comment

IX. Adjourn

Kayla McGannon performed roll call and called the meeting to order. The Board discussed the agenda items in order. Kayla shared an update on recent positive conversations she had with OSRI, DPS, and the principal of McAuliffe with Venture Prep's College and Career Counselor, David Guillen on the shared space agreement and Venture Prep's needs for next year. Kayla also shared a conversation she had with DPS on the need for more middle school seats in the Park Hill and Stapleton area and the conversations that will need to take place with the community on the Smiley Campus options for additional middle school seats. The Board discussed the facility and agreed to continue the conversation in the future and ask DPS for further clarity on our options and the message to the community. Scott provided an update on the middle school and PARCC testing. Clare provided an update on the enrollment document the Board had received earlier from David Guillen and Justin McMorrow provided an update on his interest in supporting these efforts. Clare agreed to support and encourage David and Justin's work. Stephen Dalla Betta presented the Board with a preliminary budget for 2015-16 school year.

The Board voted to approve the preliminary budget on a vote of 7-0.

Clare Vickland shared an updated on school and student highlights and opportunities for the Board to be present in the school and attend upcoming student led conferences and the May 11th School Accountability Committee meeting.

Tim and Drew provided an update on the principal recruitment process and plan for staff, community, and board participation in the interview process. The board voiced support for a fully transparent process and involvement of the staff and community as much as possible.

The Board did not receive any public comments and Kayla formally adjourned the meeting.

School Principal _____

Board Chair _____