

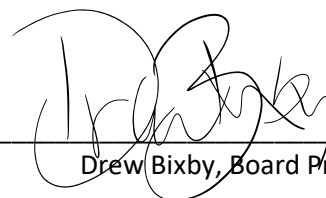
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VENTURE PREP**

A teleconference meeting of the Board of Directors of Venture Prep was duly called on March 16, 2018.
Present at the meeting were:

Drew Bixby – Board President
Kayla Tibbals – Board Secretary
Chuck Born – Board Member
Jake Gilmore – Board Member
Tim Sznewajs – Board Treasurer

- I. Board President Bixby called the meeting to order and welcomed board members.
- II. Board President Bixby asked Board members if they had questions about his last conversation with DPS personnel regarding the realities of Venture Prep’s continued existence (related to Choice/match #s, the opening of new charter high schools in Denver for 18-19 year, etc.) and partnership surrounding the potential closure of Venture Prep. The Board:
 - a. asked about confidentiality and communication moving forward.
 - b. asked about the District helping with getting students placed in other schools.
 - c. shared thoughts about other high schools struggling with enrollment and where we might be able to send our kids.
- III. Board President Bixby opened the floor to discussion from Board members about Venture Prep’s ability to continue despite significant enrollment and financial deficits. Discussion surrounded:
 - a. Dealing with a declining-enrollment district, the realities of first round of the Choice process, and a lack of financial resources to even consider continuing with fidelity.
 - b. Feeling frustrated with the fact that our academic performance and growth is so positive – more positive than it’s been in the past 5 years – but because of financial constraints, we can’t survive.
 - c. Sincere disappointment about the inability to capitalize on recent success and continue to serve our current and future students; agreement that closure is the only option at this point.
- IV. Board President Bixby asked if there was a motion to discontinue school operations after the current academic school year and notify all key stakeholders – DPS, staff, students/family, community – no later than April 1, 2018.
 - a. **Kayla motioned to discontinue school activities after this year and notify all key stakeholders by April 1; Jake seconded; all voted in favor with none opposed and none in abstention. The motion passed unanimously**
- V. Public Comment
 - a. Public comment was requested; no public comment was heard.

Meeting was formally adjourned.



Drew Bixby, Board President