

MINUTES

DSST Public Schools Board Meeting

May 19, 2022

Cole Campus, Room 106

Meeting Called to Order: 2:04p.m.

Board Members Present:

Alyssa Whitehead-Bust

Andrew Sinclair

Billy Brown

Brenda J. Allen*

David Greenberg

Glenn Russo

Gloria Zamora

Janet Lopez*

Jean Kutner*

Justin Jaschke

Patrick O'Rourke

Peter Fritzingher*

Scott Arthur

Teresa Berryman*

**Joined via phone*

Parent Present: None

Board Members Absent: Barbara Brohl, George Sparks, Jeff Tarr

DSST Staff Present: *Bill Kurtz, Christine Nelson, Cyndi Sheehan, Danielle Felder, Grant Erwin, Katie Glenn, Misha Hudak, *Moirra Wiedenman, Nick Plantan, *Nicole Fulbright

**Joined via phone*

DPS Staff Present: None

Others Present: None

Public Comment: None

Welcome:

Ms. Zamora welcomed everyone to the meeting and the board participated in an icebreaker. After the icebreaker, Ms. Nelson introduced Misha Hudak and Grant Erwin. Ms. Hudak is the newly named School Director for the DSST: Cole Campus 6th-12th grade and Mr. Erwin is the former School Director at the DSST: Cole Campus and has transitioned to the

Home Office team as the Vice President of Culture and Student Experience. Ms. Hudak and Mr. Erwin shared a brief overview of the campus and then engaged in a Q&A with the board.

Approval Items:

Motion to approve previous board meeting minutes, Brown

Second: Jaschke

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to approve DSST's FY23 budget, Russo

Second: Greenberg

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to approve MOU with APS, Russo

Second: Allen

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to approve Mary Haynes to the DSST Board of Directors, Greenberg

Second: Whitehead-Bust

Vote: Unanimous approval

Motion to approve Fiduciary Policy addition to the Board Policies Manual, Russo

Second: Greenberg

Vote: Unanimous approval

Discussion: Mr. Russo and Mr. Plantan presented a PPT on DSST's FY23 budget as well as discussed the MOU with APS. Following their presentation, Ms. Felder and Ms. Wiedenman presented a PPT on DSST's branding research.

Reports:

CEO: Mr. Kurtz started the CEO report by thanking Mr. Greenberg for the relationships he has connected to DSST. Mr. Kurtz continued by giving the board updates on the team, staffing, and hiring. Mr. Kurtz also shared that we will receive academic data for high school at the end of June and for middle school in September/October. He continued the CEO report by sharing his reflection on DSST's Senior Signing Day and what a powerful moment the event is for all DSST students. Mr. Kurtz added that the team is excited for the summer to recharge and dig in to strategic planning. He mentioned that the main topic for the June DSST board meeting will be strategic planning. Mr. Kurtz also shared that the Senior Leadership Team is in the process of adding three chief level positions and will hopefully have everything finalized in the coming weeks. Mr. Kurtz concluded the CEO report by giving a brief update on APS and DPS.

Executive: Ms. Zamora shared that a lot of topics will be covered at the DSST June board meeting and encouraged the board to attend. Ms. Zamora added that after the board meeting there will be a gathering to say farewell to Mr. Jaschke and to close out the school year.

Academic and SEL: Ms. Whitehead-Bust shared that the Academic and SEL Committee is leaning in to support DSST's strategic planning by supplementing engagement efforts and focus groups. She also added that the committee will vet materials and bring them back to the DSST board in June.

Audit: Mr. O'Rourke shared that the 990 is now available for review. He added that the big shift this year with the 990 is that it includes the network and not just Home Office activity.

Nominating and Governance: Mr. Brown shared the updated DSST Board Commitment Letter and asked board members to review it, sign it, and return it by the June board meeting. He also asked board members to review the conflict of interest in the bylaws. Mr. Brown continued by sharing the committee has interviewed Mary Haynes and would like to submit her nomination to the DSST Board of Directors. Lastly, Mr. O'Rourke gave a brief overview of the new Fiduciary Policy that the committee would like to add to the DSST Board of Directors Policies Manual.

Advancement: Mr. Arthur presented a PPT on the DSST Development Dashboard that included updates on donation history, requested gifts, the Senior Signing Day Breakfast, and next steps on the Development Team.

New Business: None

The board participated in a ten-minute board only DEI session at the end of the board meeting.

Motion to adjourn board meeting, Brown

Second: Russo

Vote: Unanimous approval

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Glenn (note-taker), Secretary