Leadership Public Schools
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 7th, 2016
Minutes

Present: Marsha Dugan, Dr. Louise Waters, Soo Zee Park, Luis Chavez, Yolanda Peeks, Chuck Bowes, Amy Slater, Lisa Pitters, D’Lonra Ellis, Michael Zaninovich, Rosain Ozonsi, Prasad Ram, Brigitte Lowe
Absent: Stu McLaughlin, David Finke, Kevin Katari
Guests: Kate Levitt, Lauren Klaffky, Zenebu Bekele, Edie Hoffman, Jessica Diaz, Natalie Walrond

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm. The agenda was confirmed and roles were assigned.

The meeting was opened to public comment. No public comments were made so the meeting was closed for that purpose.

Consent Agenda
The group voted to approve minutes from January 25, 2016.
Moved: Luis Chavez
Seconded: D’Lonra Ellis
Approved: All
Against: None

San Jose update
Dr. Waters recommended keeping San Jose open for another year. The school has hit all benchmarks and enrollment looks promising, although still has a long way to go. Facilities are not ideal, as they are losing one classroom. There will not be a teacher prep or RSP room. The group engaged in a problem-solving discussion around how to create adequate workspace for teachers or how to adjust school schedule. They also discussed parent engagement, staffing, and alumni support.

Strategic Planning
Natalie Walrond presented a new strategic plan proposal. The conversation focused on how to define collaborative innovation, how to make plan more student-centric. All agreed to wait until fall 2016 to discuss rewording the mission. There were also questions on the role of career pathways and community leadership, alumni support strategies, and other programmatic aspects of LPS. The group briefly visited Board and Committee structure, and agreed to return to that topic in the fall 2016 once retreat date was set.

Finance Update
Zenebu Bekele reviewed the finance dashboard and the current state of the network’s finances, as well as year-end forecasts.

**Facilities Discussion**
Louise Waters presented maps regarding potential school facilities, including demographics, surrounding schools, and potential hazards. Soo Zee advised on the structural and financial parameters of an additional school facility. Many were in support of this work.

**Process Check**
Briggitte Lowe did a process check. Pluses were strong news about San Jose and good participation from all. Deltas included too much explaining and less time on strategic thinking. Pram also noted there needs to be an improved access and participation for remote conference participants calling in.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Levitt
Recorder