Leadership Public Schools
Minutes from Meeting of the Board of Trustees
November 14th, 2016

Present: Dr. Louise Waters, Luis Chavez, Chuck Bowes, D’Lonra Ellis, Prasad Ram, David Schiffman, David Finke, Christopher Whitmore, Kevin Katari (remote), Jesuscita Fischel (remote)
Absent: Michael Zaninovich, Amy Slater, Kelley Gulley, Yolanda Peeks, Brigitte Lowe
Guests: Lauren Klaffky, Kate Levitt, Soo Zee Park, Crystal Arrizon, Gina Pascual

The meeting was called to order 5:30pm. 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 September 10th
Moved: Chuck Bowes
Seconded: David Schiffman
Approved: All
Opposed: None

College Readiness Block Grant
Louise Waters presented a summary of activities related to the College Readiness Block Grant.

Board Committee Reports
The group briefly discussed Board committee reports shared in meeting materials, agreeing to add a COT report. D’Lonra Ellis presented Resolution 2017-13 to approve an Audit Committee. After some discussion, David Finke agreed to join the Audit Committee for the remainder of the year.

Members agreed to vote on an amended Resolution 2017-13, adding David Finke to the Audit Committee.
Moved: Luis Chavez
Seconded: Chuck Bowes Chuck seconded
Approved: All
Opposed: None

They also voted on Resolution 2017-14 to approve new Trustee, Jesuscita Fischel.
Moved: D’Lonra Ellis
Seconded: Luis Chavez
Approved: All
Career and Community Leadership Program
LPS Staff Gina Pascual and Crystal Arrizon presented the new Career and Community Leadership program (CCLP), including the 10th grade Leadership Conference at St. Mary’s College in Moraga. Board members asked clarifying questions, including dates, next steps, and liability concerns.

Response to national election
Chief Academic Officer, Lauren Klaffky, gave a brief overview of how LPS schools responded to the election. The group discussed how the Board could express support and solidarity with students and staff. Overall, the Board was grateful to hear about the work and leadership across the network in response to the current political climate.

Celebrations/Network Update
Louise Waters presented latest results, rankings, and data on LPS achievements, including recent recognition from Innovate Public Schools and the State Similar Schools rankings. Board members responded positively, making suggestions for how to leverage these accomplishments and share them more broadly.

Strategy Discussion
Board members reviewed and discussed the LPS theory of change. They analyzed the network’s approach to accelerating student growth and closing the achievement gap over the past decade.

Innovation Update
Louise Waters, Prasad Ram, and Mike Fauteux presented an overview and latest developments in LPS innovation. The group discussed innovations in tools, content, and practices, as well as limitations and possibilities.

Data Review, Committees, and Strategic Plan:
The meeting concluded with a brief conversation on data dashboards, the updated strategic plan, and committee roles and responsibilities. The Board discussed overall governance and upcoming revisions to Bylaws, including better defining the responsibilities and authority of each committee.

Process Check
The group agreed it was a productive meeting, although may need to consider extending meeting time by 30 minutes in order to accommodate discussion time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Kate Levitt
Recorder