Leadership Public Schools
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
March 9th, 2015

Present: Marsha Dugan, D’Lonra Ellis, Kevin Katari, Stu McLaughlin, Soo Zee Park, Yolanda Peeks, Prasad Ram, Amy Slater, Heather Decker
Absent: Josefina Alvarado-Mena, Adam Cioth, David Finke, Soo Zee Park, Jazmin Alejandre, Sheila Giles
Guests: Kate Levitt, Edie Hoffman, Lauren Klaffky, Andrea Schorr, Zenebu Bekele, Alexandrea Creer, Sal Leon, Taiye Robinson, Cindy Dominguez, Gary Yee

The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm. 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.

Oakland R&D Presentation
LPS Oakland principal Alex Creer and staff members gave an in-depth presentation how the school has transformed itself around both academically and in terms of school culture. The presentation reviewed impressive gains in academic performance, as well as socio-emotional and behavioral services, college counseling programming, and overall success.

The Board expressed appreciation for the staff’s hard work and the school’s turnaround.

Dinner was held from 5:30-6:15pm

CEO report
Dr. Waters discussed the upcoming 10-year celebration at LPS Hayward, the new school campus at LPS Richmond, and the positive impact of being featured in the book A Beautiful Constraint. She gave a brief progress report on the LPS partnership with Gooru and the development of LearningList and Crowd Sourced Grading. In addition, she highlighted the network’s strong financial outlook, although noted that there is an ongoing need for fundraising to support technology development and educational support.

The group then shifted to discuss strategic growth at LPS, and the various criteria that might contribute to any decisions to expand. Advisory Council member Gary Yee shared his perspectives on school growth, as well as the historic context in Oakland. Staff Lauren Klaffky and Edie Hoffman also noted academic and hiring considerations.

The remainder of the meeting was a closed session on school facilities in San Jose.
Respectfully submitted,
Kate Levitt
Recorder