

Wyatt Academy
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 11, 2018

In attendance: Amy Swieringa, Rodney Bates, La'hai Sogbandi (phone), Francesca Galagarra (phone), Kaycee Gerhart, Erika Herrera, LaDawn Sullivan (phone)

Not in attendance: Stephanie Wilson, Shawn Graziani

Guests: Kristina Riley, Caylynn Schell, Linda Roeske, Karen Craig, Rick Brewer, Elisa Regis-Marquetti, Kate Mishara

1. Welcome Amy Swieringa

2. Vice President-according to By-Laws, board must elect a new Vice President. This will occur next week at the regular meeting (January 17, 2018).

3. DPS Presentation on Middle School Data

- A. Review of contract renewal
- B. If MS had received its own SPF each year, the results would have been an overall rating of 32%, which is RED last year
- C. MS growth has been consistently below both similar schools and the District benchmark
- D. Given the MS size and costs, it is fair to anticipate when the MS receives a separate FPF (Financial Performance Framework, they will be at a higher risk
- E. MS Enrollment has declined each of the last 3 years and it projected to do so in 2018-2019
- F. In the 2016 Call for New Quality, DPS articulates that "A stand-alone middle school typically requires 350 seats in order to remain solvent without a centralized subsidy"
- G. Renewal process: Typically Starts in the Spring, but test scores and the SPF don't come out until the fall. Some items are available in late July, so DPS can typically predict whether renewal is an option.

4. Discussion of strategic direction for the Middle School

- A. What is the responsibility of the board and staff to morally recruit new students, given the future of the school? Be the leaders of the process, and not let DPS make the decision for us. Need a plan to be transparent to families on the choice process.
- B. The goal: Support our current families in the choice process, but not recruit students.
- C. Suggest meetings with each grade level to be transparent
- D. Motion: No outside recruiting,
 - Talk to current 5th grade families with all choice options.
 - Support current families in navigating the choice process
 - Giving families transparent information, support them in their decisions.APPROVED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 5pm, at Wyatt Academy.