DLS Board of Directors Monthly Committee Report

Committee name: **Governance**

Committee mission: The Governance Committee is the committee of the board, by the board, and for the board. Its primary responsibility is to ensure the board is governing effectively and revitalizing itself. It is the responsible for providing leadership for board education, ensuring a strategically composed board is in place to govern the institution, nominating candidates for officer positions and committee membership, nominating and orienting new board members, ensuring an effective governance structure, board professional development and training, and ensuring an effective board self assessment process.

Committee strategies to accomplish mission:

- Promoting and providing education to new and tenured board members about the school, education reform, the community, and governance
- Assessing the school’s governance needs, including periodically reviewing the size of the board, the strategic composition of the board, the committee structure and charters, and recommending changes as needed
- Developing and nominating board members to serve as officers including, as appropriate, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer
- Leading the board in the identification, cultivation, and nomination of new board members to ensure a strategically composed board
- Ensuring new board members are effectively oriented to the school, the board, the community, and the responsibilities and expectations of board service
- Monitoring the ongoing performance of current board members and evaluating performance before renewing board terms
- Conducting a board self assessment every year
- Planning the annual retreat
- Reviewing and recommending changes to the bylaws every two years or as needed
- Set yearly goals and monitor against them
- Organize board professional development and training
  - Attend Charter Board Partners’ trainings and events
  - Present a short educational segment at every board meeting on the mission, school, and community or governance practices
  - Invite special guests, school leaders, or Board Chairs from other charter schools to talk with your board to bring new lenses into the boardroom
  - Talk with other charter school boards' governance committees to learn more about how they are overcoming their challenges
Action items completed:

- Monthly meeting
- Board calendar creation and population
- Nomination/vetting for new board candidate: Shawna Mounsey
- Application to Charter Board Partners/Colorado League of Charter Schools - Board Development Cohort

Action items in progress/pending:

- Board Policy book alignment and revision
- Seeking new board candidates

Future considerations/projects:

- Board continuing education

Questions/discussion for the board/larger group:

Housekeeping: Review and sign Board member Agreement, Conflicts of Interest Policy
Review Sunshine laws, Grievance Policy, & Board Calendar
Charter Board Partners - Board Development Cohort involvement

Date of last meeting: Sept 25, 2018

Date of next meeting: 4th Tue of month (TBA)

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