

DPSA Board Retreat Minutes
Saturday, May 18, 2019
Boat Club. Duluth, MN

PRESENT: Hilary Hodgman, chair, Andrew Richey, vice-chair, Glenda LaTour, secretary, Kristin Grill, treasurer, Stephen Sydow, Claudia Welty, Amanda Bruggeman, Chris Todd, Glenda LaTour, Val Petersen

EXCUSED: Lon Hansen, Amber Lightfeather

OTHER: Bonnie Jorgenson, Head of School, Tim Golden, Director of Business Services, Dawn Johnson, Facilitator,

Meeting Began at 9:04 a.m.

Welcome was offered by Hilary Hodgman, DPSA Board Chair

Get Acquainted Activity

Led by facilitator Dawn Johnson.

What is your purpose, passion, and what do you bring to the table

Charter School Finance 101 Overview

Presented by Tim Golden, supporting materials provided

DPSA Budget Overview 2019-20

Bonnie presented a Working Draft FY 20 Budget Assumptions

Enrollment is predicted at 1319 students

Bonnie shared FY 20 Salary Revisions Proposal, waiting for Legislative action on education funding before can move forward with proposal

Supporting documents provided

Data Practices Overview

Bonnie presented to the Board members a Data Practices Overview powerpoint prepared by MDE. She and a number of our staff have attended these training sessions.

Discussion stopped for Lunch

Challenges Ahead for Charter Schools

Bonnie discussed challenges she sees for the charter school movement nationally and locally. These include an anti-charter schools movement in several states, cost of special education funding, teacher shortage in part because of low teacher salaries, mental health needs of students

DPSA Strategic Plan Review

Dawn led a review of the DPSA Strategic Plan. Board members reviewed each goal, steps to attain goals, and measurable outcomes..

Board Member Self Assessment

The retreat ended with each board member doing a Board Member Self Assessment followed by a discussion on training and other needs. Board Development and Personnel Committee will follow up on ideas from this discussion.

Adjourned at 2:25 p.m.