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**LLN Board Retreat Meeting**

**September 15, 2021; 1:00 PM**

**Meeting held at Grid Collaborative Workspace**

**Attendees:**

Board Members

* Tyler Mounsey | Executive Director, Metropolitan State University Government Affairs | Community Representative
* Miguel Gonzalez | Director of School, Embark Education | Community Representative
* Frank Coyne | Lead Partner, Denver Green School | School Leader Representative
* Jessica Buckley | Principal, Escuela Valdez Elementary | School Leader Representative
* Sharmila Mann | Director of Policy, Education Commission of the States | Community Representative
* Molly Yost | Senior Director of Early Childhood Initiatives, Mile High United Way | Community Representative
* Brandon Shields | Senior Team Lead, Cole Arts and Science Academy | Teacher Representative

Other Attendees

* Bailey Holyfield | Executive Director
* Kristopher Blythe | Senior Director of Zone Operations
* Maya Lagana | Facilitator

**Members Not in Attendance:**

Board Members

* Rebecca Grant Zarret | Consultant and Coach; Lecturer, University of Colorado Denver | Community Representative

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Review and approve minutes from 9.2.21 Board Meeting**
   1. Motion to approve as presented: Tyler
   2. Second: Jessica
   3. Aye: All
   4. Nay: None
   5. Motion approved
2. **Grounding and Reflection**
   1. Maya reviewed the history of the LLN, and gave a high-level preview of the next two years
   2. The Board took self-reflection time and shared why they choose to participate as a member of the LLN Board
   3. The Board reflected on what worked and what needs to change from a Board perspective
      1. Communication - constant messaging helped the group stay connected during the pandemic
      2. Board meeting structure - structure seems to be working ok
      3. Board meeting content - Sharmila enjoyed the school leader presentations
      4. Board officers and committees - need to think evaluation timing and process
   4. Maya and Bailey reviewed the standing LLN Board Committees/Working Groups:
      1. Zone Leadership and Advocacy: Tyler & Bailey
      2. Teacher Advisory Council: Brandon & Bailey
      3. Governance: VACANT & Bailey
      4. Talent Development: Miguel & Bailey
         1. Identified the need to potentially add resourcing to support here
      5. Academics and Accountability: Sharmila & Kris
3. **Ecosystem Updates**
   1. Bailey and Kris shared updates on the place of Zones in DPS
4. **Who We Are, What We Do, and Why It Matters**
   1. LLN As A Collective of Schools
      1. The Board talked through the 6 core values that we expect to deliver as LLN schools
         1. *Equity*
         2. *Collaboration*
         3. *Distributed Leadership*
         4. *Community Partnership*
         5. *Flexible Resourcing*
         6. *Highly Effective Instruction*
   2. LLN As A Non-Profit Organization
      1. The Board reviewed the 8 organizational activities as a non-profit
         1. *Talent Management*
         2. *Executive Coaching*
         3. *DPS Partnership*
         4. *School Supports*
         5. *Non-Profit Management*
         6. *Community Board Governance*
         7. *Advocacy*
         8. *Sustainability*
      2. Bailey and to synthesize and share out how the Board can best support/take action/oversee each of those workstreams
5. **Looking Ahead**
   1. Innovation Zone Advocacy
      1. Tyler gave an overview of the statewide Innovation Steering Committee
   2. Goal Setting
      1. Maya previewed a next step regarding how the Board will determine and measure their own effectiveness
6. **Closing and Next Steps**
   1. Review of and vote to update bylaws
      1. Motion to approve Sharmila as Treasure and amended bylaws and reflect Officers as presented: Tyler
      2. Second: Sharmila
      3. In favor: All
      4. Against: None
      5. Motion passed

* Board Officers
  1. Chair: **Tyler**
  2. Treasurer: **Sharmila**
  3. Secretary: **Frank**

1. **Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.**