

LUMINARY LEARNING NETWORK BOARD

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 4:30 PM

Present were:

- LLN board:
 - Mary Seawell, Senior Vice President for Education at Gates Family Foundation and Community Representative and President
 - Janet Lopez, Senior Program Officer at Rose Community Foundation, Community Representative
 - Jen Walmer, Executive Director at Education Reform Now Colorado, Community Representative and Vice President
 - Frank Coyne, Denver Green School Leader, School Representative
 - Mike Johnson, DPS Board of Education Member, Board Designee
 - Jennifer Jackson, Cole Arts and Sciences Academy School Leader, School Representative
 - Debbie Hearty, Chief Human Resources Officer at Denver Public Schools, District Representative
 - Not Present: Savinay Chandrasekhar, Minds Matter, Community Representative and Secretary,

Others present:

- Jessica Roberts, Executive Director
- Andrew Sullivan, Colorado State Director at Empower Schools
- Angie McPhaul, Manager of Accountability, DPS Portfolio Office
- Alan Gottlieb, Write. Edit. Think.

AGENDA

Review and approve LLN minutes from 12.13.16 meeting

- Motion to approve 12.13.16 minutes
- Mary
- Second: Frank
- All Aye
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Expansion

Expansion application sent to all DPS innovation schools, as well as readiness criteria. Schools will have until February 15 to turn in our application. This will become a big part of the board's work vetting applicants.

- Timeline
- Review Application/Readiness Criteria

- App and Readiness criteria to be sent out to board for formal feedback.
 - Still waiting to see what the DPS applications looks like.
 - Question: Can we move the timeline up to keep from overwhelming the process?
 - What is the board timeline, how will we proceed moving forward?
 - Max applicants we would want to admit: 2-4.
- Rubric
 - Need a “value-add” piece? Like something other schools do well that would add to the zone?
 - Personalized learning.
 - If we are going to reflect the district, all 13 grades.
 - Make sure process defers to school leaders.
 - Bring LLN school leader into school leader interviews.
 - What should be weighted highest on rubric?
 - What do you bring to the LLN.
 - School leadership is so critical as a differentiation point—just a good school leader or distributed leadership?
 - Something around valuing collaboration.
- Interview:
 - Have leader bring out CollaboRATE, LEAD results, discuss.
 - How do we hurt our cause if this doesn’t look like an objective process?
 - Think the function of this board is really important, should make that open to school leaders.
- SBB+
 - Proposed School Budgets for 17-18
 - DPS has been working to unwrap/clarify what people are paying for, what happens when you opt out. Basically used last year’s model, and applied it to that work.
 - DPS recommended we don’t opt out of FACE, CELT, Finance. But other departments we opted out of increased funding, so technically get more per-pupil which DPS thinks is enough.
 - LLN ED is about protecting autonomies. Thought the conversation was going to be about additional opt-out options.
 - Still negotiating with DPS.

LLN Budget/Finance Update Expansion Funding Considerations

- Will be sending out potential models soon.

Teacher Council Presentation

- Had first zone wide teacher council, postponed for a day because of snow. Teacher broke out into areas of interest.
- 2 most impactful parts: Seeing the teacher council present—real teacher ownership, getting to see their growth. Teachers gave feedback that they enjoyed being there connecting with others, had to push teachers out the door. This is something we could bring back to district.
- Organic nature of it already produced two site visits to Cole/Ashely to see math/literacy practices. Also seeing teachers step out as leaders was great.

LLN Informational Updates

- LEAD evaluations