



Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2014 – 6:00 – 8:00pm
Fields Foundation Office (1445 Dayton St., Aurora, CO 80010)

Board Members Present:

Taishya Adams
Jessica Gutknecht
Angie Ham
Ryan Harrison
Dayna Norman (phone)
Maisha Pollard Fields

Absent:

Christal Garcia
Kristin Schledorn
Chelsea Yost

Others Present:

Jennifer Douglas, School Leader

Guests:

Debra Bustos, Vice-President of Real Estate, Urban Land Conservancy
Cindy Everett, Senior Associate, Urban Land Conservancy
Megan Devenport, Denver Shared Spaces Coordinator

1. Opening Business

- Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.
- Approval of agenda: Motion to approve made by Ryan Harrison, seconded by Angie Ham. Motion passed unanimously (MPU).
- Approval of minutes from 2/13/14 and 3/1/14. Board Meetings: Motion to approve minute made by Angie Ham, seconded by Jessica Gutknecht. MPU

2. Urban Land Conservancy

Several people from the Urban Land Conservancy attended the meeting and shared a brief overview of their organization, including mission, vision, and other projects. They noted that the next step for New Legacy is to begin working with Megan Devenport from Denver Shared Spaces and Jennifer Herrera from the Aurora Human Rights Center to determine if a shared space collaboration was a good fit for all parties. They also told us that New Legacy would need to develop a comprehensive plan for a building acquisition and renovation that could be shared with the ULC, its Development Committee, and Board. This document could also be used in reaching out to funders as part of a capital campaign. Megan said she would send more information on developing this plan. The ULC team noted that the plan needs to apply to any space, not just the Del Mar building.

3. Facilities and Finance

The board began a review of the draft budget, but it had not been reviewed by the Finance and Facilities Committee prior to the board meeting and it was decided that it should go back to that committee for a detailed review prior to having the board review it. Budget highlights were as follows:

- With the new opening timeline, there isn't currently adequate funding to cover Jennifer Douglas's salary for the extra year. We will have an opportunity to apply for a grant from the Walton Family Foundation that could potentially cover this, but the funding is certainly not a sure thing and the timing is also uncertain.
- Jennifer is currently being paid at .75 FTE (.5 covered by CDE CSP grant and .25 covered by the Daniels Fund grant). It makes sense to continue to use the CSP grant to cover her at .50 as this money must be spent down by June 30, 2014 anyway. The board discussed whether to continue to use the Daniels Fund grant to cover .25 of her salary or shift some of this funding into 2014-15. The board decided to continue to pay her at the .75 rate at this time.

4. Early Childhood Education

There is a bill, HB 14-1317, in the legislature designed to reform the Colorado Childcare Assistance Program (CCCAP). The board discussed whether to officially support the bill. It would have a positive impact on the school's students and the associated early learning center.

- Motion to support HB 14-1317 made by Ryan Harrison, seconded by Maisha Pollard Fields. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Health and Wellness Update

A draft of the logic model the Health and Wellness Committee has been developing as part of their efforts to plan for evaluation of the school's health and wellness programming was shared with the board. Taishya Adams had some specific feedback that she will share with the committee chair, Chelsea Yost, and Jennifer Douglas.

6. Governance

The board was reminded of the need for everyone to complete the board training modules by June 30, 2014. Jennifer will send out the information again about how to log on.

7. Development, Fundraising, Outreach, and Marketing Committee Update

A date and location have been set for the spring fundraiser: it will be Saturday, May 17 at Converge Denver. The board needs to build out the invite list (names and contact info should be added to the spreadsheet in the Fundraiser folder in Dropbox by April 3rd). Target attendance is 150 people. The Committee would like a sizeable amount of time on the board meeting agenda for the May meeting; Angie Ham and Ryan Harrison will not be at the April meeting.

8. Academic Committee

Committee is planning to demo a teacher evaluation tool at the upcoming meeting.

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.