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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

September 21, 2012

10:30am – 12:30pm

Dial – In Number: 800-430-1833

Passcode: 597-1590#

### **I. Preliminary (5 min)**

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:45am.

#### Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum

In attendance: Ms. Fran Sterling, Mr. Pete Piccolo, Dr. Audra Philippon, Head of School and Ms. Ashley Tillman, Communications and Development.

#### Approval of Agenda

Fran Sterling moved to approve Agenda, and Pete Piccolo seconded. Motion carried.

#### Approval of Minutes

Fran Sterling moved to approve Agenda, and Pete Piccolo seconded. Motion carried.

#### Public Comment

None.

### **II. Business Agenda**

#### August Financial Report

Fran Sterling moved to approve Agenda, and Pete Piccolo seconded. Motion carried. The Board discussed contingency planning in case of budget shortfall, including five key cost-saving measures. The Board emphasized the importance of discussing with all staff the financial constraints transparently and respectfully. An time for the Board to meet with staff will be scheduled during staff professional development meetings in October.

### **III. Executive Session**

None.

### **IV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- a. Facilities Purchase Update
- b. Board Candidates
- c. Authorizer Update

**V. Action Items**

**VI. Discussion Items**

**a. Enrollment Update**

The Board reviewed the potential shortfall in enrollment in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and half-day Kindergarten and the need to revise the budget and projected expenses accordingly.

**b. Needs Assessment & Action Plan to Recruit New Board Members**

Dr. Philippon presented "Operation Mission Control" plan to recruit and select new Board Members. Mr. Piccolo asked that the Board have a social opportunity to get to know candidates (in addition to the planned vetting process). The Board agreed to host a social event for Board prospects after the Student Exhibition Night November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Board is committed to selecting 7 new members by January 2013.

**c. Board Fundraising Strategies**

The Board reviewed the numerous fundraising strategies in place this year, including public and private grants, the annual campaign, community fundraising efforts, corporate sponsorships. The Board asked that staff prepare support materials for Board members to use.

**d. TCAP 2012**

Dr. Philippon presented a more thorough analysis of TCAP 2012 data, including how predictive the new benchmarking tool, Galileo, proved to be. AXL earned a Performance Rating for both the Elementary School and the Middle School for the first time, which is the highest rating CDE offers.

**VII. Adjournment**

Fran Sterling moved to adjourn the meeting, and Pete Piccolo seconded at 12:40pm. The motion carried.

Next Meeting:           **October 19, 2012**  
                                  **10:30am – 12:30pm IN PERSON**  
                                  AXL Academy