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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

May 17, 2013 via Conference Call

10:30am – 12:30pm

Dial – In Number: 800-430-1833

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

Fran Sterling called the meeting to order at 10:42am.

Fran Sterling, Pete Piccolo and Audra Philippon were in attendance.

Pete Piccolo moved to approve April minutes; Fran Sterling seconded.

### **II. Business Agenda**

- AXL's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report projects a year-end deficit, but smaller than initially feared. The school continues to manage payables tightly and limit expenditures.
- This is the first year AXL has the opportunity to select its own independent auditor. CPA Bart Skidmore will solicit proposals for the Board's approval in June.
- The Head of School presented the annual School Food Agreement between AXL and Charter Choice. Fran Sterling moved to approve the agreement, and Pete Piccolo seconded.
- The Head of School shared highlights from a recent meeting between the APS Grants Office and charter leaders. The bottom line is that while technically eligible for Title funds, there are no funds available this year in Title II or Title III. Given the anticipated enrollment after the March lottery, the Head of School expects the school to maintain a 60-65% Free or Reduced Lunch population in 2013-14, which will not likely earn it any Title I funds.
- Katie Gonzalez, formerly the Director of Development at KIPP Colorado, has been retained to assist the Head of School raise the matching capital funds required for the BEST grant and to spearhead the Board recruitment efforts.
- Landlord will not renegotiate the use of Units 16 and 17, leaving AXL once again paying rent on space it cannot use.

### **III. Executive Session**

Pete Piccolo moved at 11:06am to take the Board into Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) for personnel matters. Pete Piccolo moved to end the Executive Session at 11:11am, and Fran Sterling seconded.

### **IV. Discussion Topics Items**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading TCAP scores have been released, and they are very promising at only 4 points below the state average! 69% of AXL's 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are tested proficient or advanced on TCAP in March.

- AXL's BEST team (Head of School Audra Philippon, Director of Operations Amy Percoco and Architect Cathy Bellem) will have 2 minutes to present to the BEST Board on Tuesday, May 28. Board members may certainly attend the presentation.
- Staff hiring continues with higher than typical turnover. The school's leadership team does believe that the redesigned staffing model with much more student support will improve efficiency and staff morale. The behavioral and academic needs of older elementary and middle school students who have only recently enrolled at AXL place extraordinary demands on teachers and administrators. An ELD teacher has been hired and started this week. The school's projected SPED population may warrant an additional FTE from the district for next year – which will help considerably.

**V. Adjournment at 11:36am.**