Jennifer Evans and Carol Bowar call the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

There were no members of the public present, and no public comment.

The heads of school gave school updates.

- Donovan shared that the high school gave 8 different AP exams to 66 students, and 121 total AP tests. She also reported about being able to see measurable progress in the students on the PSAT and SAT tests. Finally, she discussed some of the events related to graduation, including the all-schools GALS Futures Ceremony.

- Nina updated the Board on the numerous end of the year events taking place, including the GALympics, Futures Ceremony, talent show, and 8th Grade Continuation.

- Nick updated the Board regarding the upcoming Showcase of Learning. Each quarter the boys have an opportunity to showcase what they learned, and for the fourth quarter the focus will be to showcase what they have been learning in math. Nick also discussed the upcoming camping trip that would be taking place in Larkspur, Colorado.

Jennifer, on behalf of the Board and the community, thanked Nina and Nick for their service and dedication to GALS and the BOYS school.

Approval of minutes from March and Board Retreat. Frank moved and Melisa seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
Carol provided an update regarding school leadership hiring and led a discussion about hiring people with a focus towards creating a strong, aligned organization. As part of this discussion, the Board also discussed the various transitions that have been and will be occurring.

In addition to hiring new heads of school for the girls’ middle school and boys’ middle school, Carol announced three additional new hires to the all-schools team: Athletic Director, Assistant Principal of Programming, and a Director of External Relations. The Director of External Relations is a new position and will help create an umbrella strategy for all external partners and constituency.

Carol led a discussion regarding the “Like a Girl” fundraiser.

Carol led a discussion regarding integrating the BOYS School and updated the Board regarding a phone call that had occurred the week before. A community meeting to continue this discussion was planned for May 23, 2018.

Carol provided an update on the BOYS School facility. She would like to have people at every DPS Board meeting through December.

Carol and Jennifer led a discussion regarding an organizational review that the Board has decided to undertake. Given that the organization is transitioning from startup to adolescent, and with the leadership transitions, now seemed like an appropriate time to hire a third-party to perform this analysis and help identify organizational priorities. Results of the analysis are expected in July.

The Board discussed funding for the scholarships awarded to select seniors.

Melissa Flores and Carol reviewed the finances and budget. The finance committee recommended approving the budget. After a discussion, Cristina moved, Katie seconded, and the budget was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

*As required by the Sunshine Act, this board meeting is open to the public.  
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