Welcome - Meeting called to order by Jennifer Evans. Words for the year: Embrace, fierce, tired, can, I’m thinking about it, light, discipline, community, be present, choose, compassion, listen, authentic and powerful, gratitude.

Approval of December 11, 2017 Minutes: Ed made a motion to approve. Frank seconded. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment - None

School Updates
a. **BOYS MS** - Nick talked about the impact of the MLK play performance and the school-wide participation. 350 attendees in audience.

b. **GALS MS** - Jess talked about the new Leadership and Action board. Opportunity for the students to get involved in leadership. Bathroom beautification team is one example.

c. **GALS HS** - Carrie talked about the language program in the high school and how students are taking on teaching assistant roles in language class.
   - She also gave an update on college admissions for senior class.
   - School will put on first Musical - Pippin. 74 kids auditioned, 45 kids will participate. March 15-17.
   - Voice - student submitted a play to DCPA writers, it was selected and will be produced and performed at DCPA. *Wine Colored Lipgloss* 2/24.

Organizational Updates - Carol Bowar
a. EdLEAD Fellowship – Presentation Feedback - entire board reviewed slide deck. Several board members appreciated the efficacy study and supported highlighting individual testimonials or personal stories. There was also a discussion of measures for movement.

Facility Committee Update - Committee met today. Hired Brenna Copland as a
GALS empowers girls to succeed academically, lead confidently, live boldly, and thrive physically.

6:05  VII.  Finance and Fundraising Committee Items -
   a.  Melissa reviewed balance sheet, budget actuals and FY19 budget process.  990 draft
      in process.
   b.  Updates:
      i.  FY19 Budget process timeline: Finance Committee review in
          February/March, Board review in March/April, Board approval in May.
      ii. 990 update: Finance Committee is reviewing, Board review in February
          meeting, filing in March.
      iii. Katie's (Accountant) departure February 2, 2018
   c.  Fundraising Updates: Carol Bowar
      i.  Luncheon Planning Update
         1.  Board Tables
         2.  Other (Grants and Parents) GALS now has a fundraising site organized
             by parents to sell girl empowerment gear - www.likeagirlgear.com.
             Available to all to purchase.

6:25  VIII.  Governance Committee Updates -
       ●  Committee is developing procedures to formalize the recruitment and onboarding
           processes for new board members.
       ●  Developing a calendar for the Board, including topics to be discussed at meetings and
           task lists.
       ●  Discussed process for Carol's mid-year review

6:27  IX.  Board discussion
       a.  Jennifer led a discussion about the board funded scholarship.  To be given at Futures
           Celebration (date TBD).  The board selected the “lead confidently” scholarship.
       b.  The committee used the statement of intent to create the four scholarships.
           ●  thrive physically
           ●  live boldly (API sponsor)
           ●  lead confidently (board sponsor)
           ●  succeed academically

6:36  X.  Adjourn

Dates of Note:  
Board Meetings: February 26, March 19, April 16, May 21
GALS Luncheon: February 27, 2018, 11:30 – 1:30, Seawell Ballroom, DCPA, Denver
Board Retreat: April 13, 2018, 8:30am – 4:00pm – Daniels Fund, Denver
High School Graduation: May 24, 2018, Riverside Church, Denver
8th Grade Continuation: June 1, 2018, 5:30 pm, GALS

2017-18 Board Priorities:
1- Organizational Growth to Sustaining, 2- Governance Systems, 3- Fundraising Support

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