Minutes from GALS Board Meeting – March 19, 2018

Attendees: Jennifer Evans, Carol Bowar, Frank Rowe, Melissa Flores, Amy Friedman, Emily Wasserman, Julie Finchem, Katie Kellen, Adam Burrow, Kristina Campos.

Approval of February Minutes. Ed motioned, Frank seconded and all present approved the minutes.

The Heads of school were not present. There were no specific MS, HS and Boys updates.

Jenn Green (Dean) gave a presentation regarding embodied learning. There was a discussion regarding the need to continue to refine how we measure the benefits of “embodied learning” and that importance of incorporating movement into teacher professional development. Carol confirmed they are working on this.

There was a discussion of staffing and the importance of leadership and creating a structure that makes sense, especially as the HS and BOYS grow. Key considerations include providing “bench strength,” improving efficiency and efficacy, making sure that the ED does not have too many direct reports, and ensuring that staff get the mentorship and leadership they need.

BOYS’ facility- the lease negotiation for next year is in process with Riverside. Facilities Committee will continue to search for a longer term facility solution.

The Board Retreat is April 6th. Jennifer reviewed the Board retreat draft agenda and asked board members to contribute additional ideas/suggestions to Carol and Jennifer in the next week or so.

There will be an update on academic achievements at the Board Retreat.

Carol provided a construction update. GALS construction estimated completion date is Feb 2019.

Melissa reviewed the finances. Melissa believes that net proceeds from the Luncheon will be around $174,000. There may be a way processor fees can be reduced in the future. Jennifer suggested that we all follow up with personal notes to those we know who came to the luncheon. We are 66% through the budget year and are on target for revenue and expenses YTD. Melissa and Carol are working on the budget for next year. Preliminary budget will be reviewed in more detail at the retreat.

All agreed that Monday Board meetings should continue in 2019.