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## Board of Directors Meeting Monday, November 13, 2017, 5:00-7:00pm GALS – 750 Galapago Street, Denver

Minutes

<b>Board Members Presen</b>	oard Mo	embers	Present
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Jennifer Evans
Frank Rowe
Liz Romer
Amy Friedman
Melissa Kotecki-Schlote
Katie Kellen
Emily Wasserman
Ed Likovich
Julie Fincham
Paula Hanson

# **Board Members Absent**

Stalker Henderson Kristina Campos

### **GALS Staff**

Carol Bowar Delores Schaack Melissa Flores Carrie Donovan Nick Jackson

5:05	I. Meeting called to order by Jennifer Evans
5:09	II. Welcome to New Members! Introductions of all. Notice of the resignation of board members Paula Hanson and Lauri Dannemiller
5:12	III. Approval of October 16, 2017 Minutes. Motion by Frank Rowe, second by Julie Fincham. Approved unanimously.
	IV. Public Comment - None
5:15	<ul> <li>V. School Updates</li> <li>a. GALS MS - Carol Bowar gave an update about Jess Schwartz's transition to head of school. She also talked about the problem with attendance and how the school is looking at initiatives to improve attendance support families.</li> <li>b. GALS HS - Carrie Donovan talked about the High School Play Antigone and the power of this experience for everyone. She also discussed the Junior class participation in a Social Justice Class at UC Denver. Carol notified the board of the renewal of the high school charter.</li> <li>c. BOYS MS - Nick Jackson updated the board on the success of their first parent teacher conferences. They had 100% parent participation. They also conducted a survey of parents and the results were overwhelmingly positive. He also talked about how he and Tony are building school culture. They made Halloween a "selfless day" focused on community service.</li> </ul>
5:45	VI. Finance and Fundraising Committee Items  Carol and Melissa lead a discussion of the budget, the October financials and a revised

budget. The PPR has been received. Carol shared with new board members the budgeting process and variances. With enrollment numbers down, the plan is to reduce the high

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school staff by 1 person next semester. She discussed other small adjustments and shifts in staffing.

- a. Revised Budget presented Motion to approve revised budget presented by Frank Rowe, seconded by Lisa Lane. Approved unanimously.
- b. Carol reviewed coming event to raise money for The Boy's School. She encouraged board members to participate or sponsor participation in the Endorphin Spin A Thon. She also talked about GALS participation in the December 6<sup>th</sup> Colorado Gives Day
- a. Jennifer Evans discussed the progress in the Luncheon Planning with the following announcements:
  - i. Co-Chairs: Ryan Ross, API & Tanya Merchant, JP Morgan
  - ii. Honorees: Mel Ulle and Heather Lurie

She reminded board members of the expected participation: Give or Get a \$2500 Corporate Table, or Individual \$1500 - \$2500. There will be a Luncheon Kick Off – Jennifer and Jack hosting, December 4, 5:30-7:30

- b. Julie Fincham gave an update of the the **Parent** Fundraising Committee. Meeting 11/13/17
- c. Fundraising Goal is \$408,289 for FY 18: We are at: \$12,988.27 (plus \$125K Walton & \$196,500 CDE CCSP not in goal, and \$20K Crossfit, \$10,750 Van raised outside of budgeted expenses-net zero)

### VII. Board Business and Discussion

- a. Carol lead a discussion about the potential for GALS board Scholarships of approximately \$2500. She encouraged the board to think about the criteria for scholarship. Ideas included a Founders Scholarship, a Movement Scholarship, Board Scholarship. The board discussed important criteria to consider including, education, community service, students who are sometimes overlooked, resilience as a form of leadership, perseverance.
- b. Retreat Date April 13, full day at Daniels Fund

#### VIII. Governance Committee Items

- a. 2017-18 Board Agreement & Conflict Form Review and Sign
- b. Jennifer lead a discussion of board committees. Written descriptions of committees were shared with the board. Members broke into small groups and discussed interests in committees. Each member then reported their interests to the full board.
- IX. Facility Committee- Discussion
  - a. Del Pueblo Facility construction update. Anticipate October 2018 completion date
  - b. BOYS Future
    - i. Gilpin Building Process
    - ii. Status on Riverside

7:10 X. Adjourn

Dates of | Board Meetings: January 22, February 26, March 19, April 16, May 21

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Note:	GALS Luncheon: February 27, 2018
	Board Retreat: April 13, 2018
	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.
\*\*Please direct all questions to Carol Bowar at carol.bowar@galschoolsdenver.org