Ed calls the meeting to order.

Jennifer (who participated briefly by phone) nominates Emily as the secretary. The Board approves.

The February 25 minutes are approved.

There were no members of the public present and so there was no public comment.

The school leaders provided school updates.

All three schools celebrated international women’s day on Friday, March 8. The theme was balance for better. There was an emphasis on making the BOYS School a more integrated part of the event.

Carol and Felicia led a discussion regarding the CCSI report. The discussion initially focused on a discussion about the curriculum and instructional model, and the need to make sure that students are receiving consistent messaging from all teachers.

There was also a discussion about priorities. Equity is a top priority. The school leaders are working on identifying what their other priorities will be for next year and the following years.

The Board also discussed some of its shortcomings and ways to strengthen its governance, including by engaging in more training.
The Board also asked about metrics and how we can measure progress against the various metrics.

Carol provided an update on facilities. At the time of the meeting, there were two possibilities: (a) 32nd and Irving, and (b) Federal and Mississippi. Carol, along with the consultants and school leaders, were weighing the pros and cons, including space, amount of work needed, cost, and enrollment areas.

Carol led a discussion regarding next year’s budget and staffing given lower enrollment numbers. The current plan is for certain teachers to teach multiple grades or subjects. The deadline to submit the budget is June 30, 2019.

Trace provided an update on enrollment and noted that the current estimates are conservative. BOYS expects enrollment to increase once the it has a facility. The Girls Middle School does not have a waitlist for the first time in several years. There was a question about why this is. The Board expressed a desire to dig into enrollment issues in more depth in an upcoming meeting or at the retreat. One area of focus for the schools is to do a better job of explaining who thrives in the schools and why.

Carol discussed the adjustments GALS is making to the salary scale based on the recent changes DPS made. The schools also intend to survey staff to get staff’s recommendations on what is important to them and how to make the organization better.

The Board participated in an activity to identify specific topics for the Board Retreat in April. Categories of topics included: school model, academic success, strategy & vision, current & future policies, Board team development, and other.

Emily provided an update on governance issues, including the executive director evaluation process and board evaluation process.

Ethan provided an update on Ad Hoc growth committee’s work.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04