



Rocky Mountain Prep Board of Director's Meeting
Thursday, October 20, 2011
Colorado Succeeds-1201 E. Colfax Ave., Suite 201
Denver, CO 80218
7:00 a.m.-8:30a.m.

ATTENDEES	PHONE	STAFF
Naomi Lopez*	Jonathan Seltzer*	None
Patrick Donovan*		
Scott Laband*	PROXY	GUESTS
Ulcca Joshi Hansen*	N/A	N/A

*Board Member

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-up
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:05a.m.	
Approval of Agenda & Minutes	Approval of agenda for today's meeting and minutes from the September 15, 2011 meeting.	Motioned by: Scott Laband Seconded by: Ulcca Joshi Hansen Passes, 4-0
CDE Resolution	Board members reviewed and discussed the proposed language in the Colorado Department of Education resolution.	Motioned by: Scott Laband Seconded by: Ulcca Joshi Hansen

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		Final Vote: Passes, 4-0
El Pomar Foundation Resolution	Board members reviewed and discussed the proposed language in the El Pomar Foundation resolution.	Motioned: Scott Laband Seconded by: Ulcca Joshi Hansen Final Vote: Passes, 4-0
Nomination of Naomi Lopez as Secretary of the RMP Board of Directors.	Board members discussed the nomination of Naomi Lopez as Secretary of the RMP Board of Directors.	Motioned by: Ulcca Joshi Hansen Seconded by: Scott Final Vote: Passes, 3-0
Updates	<p>School Choice Update- Patrick Donovan provided a summary of the school choice meeting hosted by DPS on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. It was noted that this was a citywide event that was well attended with a well done publication that included DPS middle and high schools, the book listing DPS elementary schools has not been released yet. RMP will be included as a Southeast Denver option in this publication. The DPS enrollment form will be made available on December 1, 2011. The DPS hosted expo will be held on either November or December 3rd and it was strongly suggested that RMP be present at this event.</p> <p>Contract negotiations- Patrick Donovan noted that the RMP Board is not able to vote on</p>	Confirm date of the DPS hosted expo and identify staff and/or Board members to attend.

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	<p>the contract today since DPS was not able to get contract to the Board due to the recent ELL lawsuit and changes made to contract to make sure our contract is in line with the court case outcomes. Intent is same but the language that has changes is mostly around ELL.</p> <p>Questions to consider when reviewing the contract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are performance outcomes included? Especially since RMP will not have CSAP or TerraNova results after Year 1 and thus no SPF? • What did SOAR do? They started off with earlier grades so they might be a good source of info here. <p>Facility MOU- In the process of negotiating with land lord on total amount of space since the layout recently presented had significant reductions to the common area and front office area.</p> <p>Website- being updated by SE2, update from James at next meeting.</p> <p>James Cryan, Executive Director evaluation- Patrick Donovan reviewed the process/timeless for the executive director evaluation process. The evaluation will be done quarterly and done by members of the executive committee. First three quarters will include check in on progress towards identified mile stones and coaching sessions from executive committee. The final quarter/formal review would be done solely by Patrick Donovan as Board Chair or perhaps Patrick Donovan and one other board member. The final quarter/formal review will include a self review, feedback from staff, instructional coach, and external relations. First evaluation discussion will be held during the 2nd week of November.</p>	<p>Follow up with SOAR staff to see what they did with regards to their contract and performance outcomes for Year 1.</p>
	<p>Governance- Scott Laband reviewed the previously identified areas of need that the</p>	

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Committee Updates	<p>Board needs to address in recruiting new board members (currently the Board is a relatively young board, fewer years of governance experience and is need of representation from Southeast Denver). Board members discussed potential candidates that could serve on the Board in the following skill areas needed: managing external lawyer and contractors, representation from Southeast Denver and perhaps an individual with marketing/PR skills.</p>	
Advisory/Advancement Discussion	<p>Ulcca Joshi Hansen provided a summary of her meetings with a representative of the Carson Foundation (Brooke) and Marco Abarca. Marco gave feedback/suggestions that focused on bringing teachers in and helping them to focus on the diversity of Southeast Denver, where teachers almost serve as ethnographers.</p> <p>Brooke suggested in her conversation with Ulcca that perhaps we want to focus on the academic program and small donors rather than a focusing on larger donors when RMP doesn't have the academic results to present to donors.</p> <p>Questions to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do we bring in these big donors so that they are involved in the school now so that when it comes to the ask comes they are bought in? • How do we bring folks like Brooke and Marco in without such a formal structure? Are we at the point where we can really focus so heavily on asks and development in conjunction with the relationship building? • Could possible members of the “advisory board” Mike (wellness) and Carlos Trujillo (familiar with school district financing), David Thorpe (construction expert) each attend a Board meeting to offer feedback and suggestion? 	<p>Add as discussion at next meeting RMP Board meeting for discussion among the entire group.</p>
Budget & Monthly Report	<p>Jonathan Seltzer provided a brief overview of the RMP budget.</p>	

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Important Upcoming Dates / Next Steps	Northeast Retreat, Dec. 1-3. Board members will depart on the evening of Thursday, December 1 to New York City to visit Uncommon Schools Leadership Prep Bedford-Stuydevant and Bronx Success and return to Denver on Saturday, December 3 after a Board retreat.	
Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 8:35a.m.	

Respectfully submitted,
Naomi Lopez, Secretary