



**Minutes of the Peak to Peak Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 7 March 2018, 5pm | College Counseling Conference Room**

*The Peak to Peak community will inspire students to fulfill their academic dreams for college, to develop their creative passions and athletic talents, and to become responsible citizens.*

**Board of Directors in attendance:** Voting Board: Derek Cole, Hank Dalton, Elizabeth Gable, Eveline Grady, Joanne Hyman, Jaimee Miller, Gregg Sommer - Ex-Officio: Kelly Reeser, Sam Todd, Kyle Mathews, Lori Preston (joined at 5:02pm), Melissa Christensen

**Via Phone:** none

**Absent:** none

**Guests in attendance:** Jennifer Dauzvardis, Megan Freeman, John Wilcox, Traci Schoeneweis, Kristianna Vedvik, Victoria Hankey, Deea Frisbee, Matt Kirchner, Lisa Tracy

**Call to Order:** Hank Dalton called the meeting to order at 5pm.

**Consent Grouping**

1. Approval of Minutes 2018-02-21

***Motion by Eveline Grady to approve the 2018-02-21 minutes - second by Elizabeth Gable***  
**Motion approved 7-0-0**

**Celebrations/Kudos**

Hank Dalton

- ❖ Thanked Kyle Mathews and the ELT team for addressing security issues effectively.

Derek Cole

- ❖ Thanked the ELT, the Board of Directors and the real estate team for being forward thinking about the recent land acquisition.
- ❖ Highlighted the stellar quality of candidates applying for the MGO position. It is a reflection of the high quality leadership team our school has.

Joanne Hyman

- ❖ Congratulated the Thespian society on the wonderful production of 'Next to Normal'. The production was professionally done, tackling a difficult subject. The partnership with the 2nd Wind Foundation proved to be very valuable.

Elizabeth Gable

- ❖ Thanked the gala committee for working around the clock to pull off the upcoming gala. The extraordinary work is truly appreciated.

Kyle Mathews

- ❖ Thanked the schools' leadership team for their earnest, in-depth and productive discussions around an 8 period day.

Kelly Reeser

- ❖ Thanked John Wilcox for his calm and measured approach in dealing with the school's emergency closure.

Jaimee Miller & Kyle Mathews

- ❖ Briefly touched on the use of video cameras in Boulder Valley and its current usage at Peak to Peak.

## **Public Comments**

Megan Freeman

- ❖ Thanked Hank Dalton, Jaimee Miller and Eveline Grady for attending the Colorado League of Charter Schools' conference.
- ❖ The latest legislative work on Professional Development in Colorado showcases the importance of Peak to Peak being part of the League and having tight relationships with district charter schools.

## **EDE Report**

- ❖ Waiver from state-prescribed school readiness assessment: The State Board of Education approved the assessment waiver, but denied the waiver from reporting requirements.
- ❖ Reported back on the school-wide discussion around an 8 period day. While the majority of staff is enthusiastic about this change, it is clear that additional training around the block day structure as well as more collaboration among schools (MS/HS) will be needed. One of the outcomes of this change will be greater access to electives for our secondary students. Many thanks to our Elementary staff that shared its expertise around block time.

Discussions

- ❖ Communications to staff and the community are already prepared.
- ❖ There will be very few FTE changes which are discussed in budget talks, and no FTE reductions.

## **EDO Report**

Sam Todd

- ❖ The upgrade of our HVAC building controls has been prioritized for the 2018/19 budget (still up for approval). It's a \$250,000 budget item and work could start in July.
- ❖ HB-17-1375 and BVSD Mill Levy Funding: The ELT is in discussions with the district and conferring with other Charter Schools.
- ❖ The applicant pool for the Major Gifts Officer position is deep and ongoing interviews have been encouraging.
- ❖ Kelly Reeser and Sam Todd successfully presented on the Peak Option at the League's conference. Their presentation was very well received.

## **Principal Reports**

Lori Preston

- ❖ Learning is front and center at the MS level and projects have been developed to presentation level (Science Fair, History Day, brain bowl, art competitions etc.).
- ❖ MS students who went to the LEAD conference in DC have been empowered to lead (8th grade unlock etc.).
- ❖ The round table with Charter leaders was very valuable.
- ❖ Two new trips are being offered at the MS level: one to Boston (STEM centered, MIT) and one to CIMI (Catalina Island Marine Institute).
- ❖ The courage retreat for 7th graders was a highlight as it allowed for intimate conversations about deep issues.
- ❖ Our English teachers Victoria Hankey, Brian Rozinsky and Jen Jouzdani represented Peak to Peak at the Colorado Council International Reading Conference.
- ❖ 'Coffee with Counselors' has been well attended by a variety of parents. Counselors are in midst of course recommendations.
- ❖ One of the Peak to Peak Innovation grants supported training on restorative justice.
- ❖ Ms. Bunting took English students to the East Simpson Cafe for a poetry-alive presentation.
- ❖ The innovation fund will support the purchase of innovative furniture (Node chairs) in John Steinbauer's room.
- ❖ The new cell phone protocol is aligned with BVSD's recommendation.

Melissa Christensen

- ❖ The kindness retreat for our 5th grade students (Youth Frontiers was brought in for that) was powerful and has already shown to be successful.
- ❖ Our teachers have completed the 'Well managed schools training'. The behavioral skills focus of that training is impacting our teachers positively.
- ❖ Update on literacy data: An exciting highlight is that the number of students who are scoring in the red (below grade level) has been cut in half. If we look at data overall though, the data has not shifted significantly. To a certain degree this is to be expected as the program was only implemented last year.

Kyle Mathews

- ❖ Two students are going to sign up with the CareerWise program, and are garnering interviews with businesses this spring. We are still looking to partner with bigger companies (at least 50-100 employees) for more apprenticeship options, as those companies have support structures in place for apprenticeship models.

- ❖ The achievements by our 'innovation and integrated design' course students have been tremendously successful this year.
- ❖ Culture and climate topic: Some data is still being analyzed. We are going to look at school safety also through the lens of mental health. Better communications and stronger relationships are part of the conversations around safety.
- ❖ We are currently writing a grant for the Rose foundation that would support professional development around culturally responsive leadership, differentiation and 8-period block day teaching.

## **Future Meeting Topics**

- ❖ The community meeting will be rescheduled and most likely take place on the same night as the accountability presentation on April 23rd.
- ❖ School Fees
- ❖ The accountability committee will present its annual results to the Board of Directors on the March 21st meeting.

## **Board Self-Assessment/wrap-up**

Hank Dalton

- ❖ The roll-out of the 8 period day & and Middle School honors/standard curriculum proposal has been rocky.

Discussions revealed that communications around the MS curriculum proposal have been challenging and have fallen short.

## **Adjourn Peak to Peak Board of Directors Meeting**

***Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jaimee Miller, second by Elizabeth Gable***  
**Motion passes 7-0-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

## **Community Meeting - Strategic Plan**

Was cancelled due to the school's emergency closure.

Respectfully submitted,

Eveline Grady  
Secretary  
Peak to Peak Board of Directors