

University Prep Board Meeting – 12/7/20

Minutes

7:00 – 8:30 AM

Call to Order: David Scanavino calls Meeting to order

Board Attendance: Cuneyt Akay, Bev Sloan, David Scanavino, Emily Eikelberner, Kimberlee Sia, Renae Bellew, Nicholas Martinez, Brenna Copeland, Juan Pena, and Tracey Lovett

Board Absence: Recardo Brooks

Staff Attendance: David Singer (Executive Director), Alastair Dawe (COO), and Liz Suarez (CAO)

Minutes Approval: Kimberlee Sia moved to approve the minutes from the Oct. 2020 board meeting, which were seconded by Juan Pena and approved by the board.

School-Year Update

During the opening of the meeting, David Singer (Executive Director), shared an update on how the campuses are performing against key lead and lag measures tied to both *Academic Outcomes* and *Connectivity & Engagement* – two areas that the network has focused on in this highly atypical year. After sharing data such as bi-weekly surveys of staff and attendance, the board discussed key data to be reviewed and discussed in the January meeting, which will focus on how well children are learning in this challenging school year and any shifts the team has had to make to data collection given the circumstances surrounding remote and in-person learning. The board acknowledged a need for flexibility in this school year, and was eager to dig into student performance data following the close of Q2.

Denver Families for Public Schools

The board engaged in a discussion about the new c4 organization (DF4PS) and U Prep's potential engagement. There was open dialogue around several key questions:

- *What is the current (and potential future) context we're operating in (locally and nationally) as a network of public charter schools?*
- *What is the mission and vision of DF4PS and what would be the implications and value-add of potential U Prep involvement?*
- *How will family/community voices be elevated and authentic? (the center of the work?)*
- *What would be our ongoing obligations should U Prep collaborate with the c4?*
- *What are the legal parameters for engagement with a c4 given the c3 status of U Prep?*

Following a robust discussion the board agreed to authorize David (ED) to engage in further discussion with the c4 about U Prep's potential engagement as that organization continues in the early stages of its development.

Honoring Dr. David Scanavino

The board and staff took a moment to share its deep appreciation and love for David Scanavino and his 10+ year commitment to the organization and his role as the leader of the board. He was awarded a special gift commemorating his tremendous commitment.

Transition to Executive Session

At 8:25 AM the open board meeting closed and there was a transition to Executive Session to dive into a review of David Singer's evaluation follow-up with his executive coach, April Knox.