

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. and De La Salle, Inc.

Board of Directors  
Joint Meeting Minutes  
July 26, 2017

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. ("La Salle") Board Members Participating in Person: Colette Edson, Demetrius Grooms, Constance Gully, James Hill, Jackie Jones, Kim Perry, and Shirleas Washington

La Salle Board Members Participating Telephonically: None

La Salle Board Member Absent: None

De La Salle, Inc. ("DLS") Board Members Participating in Person: Sterling Brown, Michael Chrum, Mark Conrad, Tricia Harrison, Ryan Hawkins, Rob Hill, Chuck Kretschmer, Brad Mueller, Brad Phillips, Fr. Pat Quinn and Phil Toben

DLS Board Members Participating Telephonically: Carie Forrester

DLS Board Members Absent: John Key, Michelle Kositzke, Bob Mills, and Ben Washington

Other Participants: LaShanda Boone, Amber Cline, and Amanda Henry (*La Salle*), Melissa Brickey, Mike Hall, Christine Holladay, Annie Oliverio, Nikeea Payne, and Lisa Picker (*DLS.*), Gerry Kettenbach (*University of Missouri - Charter Operations*), Shannon Spradling (*Accounting Consultant*), Norm Eaker, Chris Hinckley, and Susan Turner

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**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Grooms acted as chair (the "Chair") of the meeting. Notice of the meeting having duly been given and a quorum of each board of directors being present, the Chair convened the joint meeting of the Board of Directors (separately and collectively, the "Board") of La Salle and DLS at approximately 4:35 p.m. Central Time at 1106 North Jefferson Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63106.

**II. Mission Moment**

Ms. Holladay shared De La Salle Middle School and La Salle historic comparative data. She noted that the data was relatively consistent throughout the years, and that the students, families, and staff, and their relationships to each other, have not materially changed as the years have gone by.

**III. General Board Business**

It was proposed that the meeting agenda be modified from the version posted prior to the meeting, to add consideration and approval of the minutes from the meeting of the La Salle Board held on December 28, 2016.

The floor was opened for the open comments portion of the meeting, which takes place in the first fifteen minutes of each La Salle Board meeting. No questions were asked, nor were any comments made, during this period.

Proposed minutes from the meeting of the La Salle Board held on December 28, 2016 were presented for approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved these minutes, as presented.

#### **IV. Executive Director Report, De La Salle, Inc.**

Ms. Brickey shared a summary of the history of De La Salle Middle School, DLS and La Salle. She stated that the growth and changes to the organizations would not have been possible without engaged, strong Board members.

She shared 10 questions for the Board to consider as the entities continue to grow and move into the future. After a discussion of these questions, it was decided that accelerating students quickly up to appropriate grade level, and preparing them successfully for high school is of the utmost importance.

#### **V. School Update**

Ms. Boone shared the primary focus of the La Salle staff for the 2017-2018 school year: School Culture, Professional Development, Policies, Processes and Procedures, and External Partnerships. Ms. Henry reviewed areas where support is needed in order to ensure success during the upcoming school year.

Mr. Kettenbach spoke of the five year charter process in Missouri, and the renewal process that follows. He shared that when Mizzou is considering a renewal of a charter school sponsorship, it looks at the performance contract it has with the school, focusing on governance, finances, compliance, learning environment, and academic performance. He stated that in Year 4 of the La Salle charter, Mizzou would review La Salle's performance in each area of the contract during Years 1-3.


Following a discussion, it was determined that the members of the Board and other meeting participants would strive to raise funds to support the additional resources requested earlier in the meeting by Ms. Boone and Ms. Henry, noting that additional actions will be required by each Board and staff of La Salle and DLS to make/approve budgetary revisions and funding requests/transfers between the two entities.

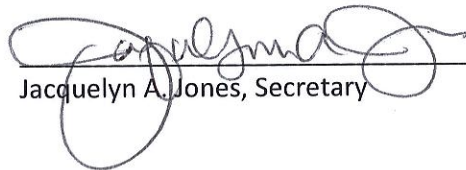
#### **VI. Closed Session**

There was no closed session.

**VII. Adjournment**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

  
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Demetrius Grooms, Chair

  
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Jacquelyn A. Jones, Secretary