## Rainier Prep Board Meeting Minutes January 18th, 2018 6:30-8:30PM

Location: 10211 S. 12th Ave., Seattle, WA

**Board Attendees**: Sean Boyle, Bob Kimball, Max Silverman; Ed Taylor; Sarah Smith; Peter Orser; Sherry Williams.

**Other Attendees**: Justin Arana; Justin Arana Sr.; Joan Hsiao; Hong Nhi; Eilieen Delatore Gonzales, Aviana Gonzales, Aliana Gonzales, Johnny Gonzales, Maggie O'Sullivan, Shannon Moe.

**Minutes for December, 2017 meeting:** The Board reviewed and approved the draft minutes for the December, 2017 Rainier Prep Board meeting.

**Teacher Presentation:** Ms. Moe provided a presentation regarding expectations for all 8th graders at RP. Each 8<sup>th</sup> grader is required to:

- attend at least one out of school event;
- apply to at least one rigorous app school;
- have a college-readiness plan specific to their school.

Ms. Moe reported on the extensive work being done with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to ensure that they were prepared to successfully apply and win acceptance to an appropriate high school.

**Public Comment:** The non-board members in attendance introduced themselves and each discussed their experiences as students and parents at Rainier Prep, including their reasons for choosing Rainier Prep. Each of the students discussed the high schools they were applying to for next fall.

**Consent Agenda:** The Board approved adding Sherry Williams to the Board.

**School Leader Report**: Maggie provided an update on enrollment and attendance. December and January had slightly lower than goal attendance and the team is deeply focused on improving attendance. On time arrival improved in January over December and is on track. Enrollment remains strong at 330 students against a goal of 324. There are solid waitlists for 5th, 6th, and 7th grades.

Mr. Silverman led a discussion regarding accountability and measurement for school performance. He provided an overview of the State Charter Board and OSPI accountability requirements.

**Finance Committee Update:** Ms. Hsiao provided an overview of Rainier Prep's financial performance for December and year-to-date. Performance continues to be strong and consistent with the budget. Joan reviewed the cash flow forecast which showed strong cash

reserves at end of year. Ms. Hsiao then reviewed the final audited financials for 2016-17 which showed financial performance that was significantly better than budget. She also reported that the audit was proceeding appropriately and we expected a clean audit report.

**Development Committee Update:** Ms. Smith provided an update on fundraising to help Rainier Prep fill the gap created by public funding that leaves public charter schools with significantly less operating funds that district schools.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm