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**Board of Directors of Hope Online Learning Academy Co-Op**  
**Meeting Minutes: March 17, 2009**  
**Approved by the Board of Directors: April 21, 2009**

**Board Members Present:** Ray Ayon; Michael Bautista; Stephannie Finley; Phil Fox; Charles Johnson; Jennifer Sobanet

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Other Attendees:** Heather O'Mara (Chief Executive Officer, Hope Online); Shawn Gillum (General Counsel, Hope Online); Melanie Stone (Office Manager, Hope Online)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM by P. Fox.
2. **Posting of Meeting Notice:**
  - A. P. Fox advises that it was confirmed that the meeting notice was posted at Douglas County School District by Ms. Nona Eichelberger and on the Hope Online website in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.
3. **Quorum:**
  - A. P. Fox notes that a quorum is present because at least one-half of the members of the Board are in attendance.
4. **Meeting Purpose:** This regular meeting of the Board of Directors will focus on certain items relating to the organization's operations and will provide an opportunity for the Board to act (through approval) or voice concerns (through disapproval).
5. **Agenda Approval:** Motion to approve the proposed agenda was made by S. Finley and seconded by J. Sobanet.
  - i. Roll Call Vote:
    - a. R. Ayon: YES
    - b. M. Bautista: YES
    - c. S. Finley: YES
    - d. P. Fox: YES
    - e. C. Johnson: YES
    - f. J. Sobanet: YES
6. **Consideration of consent items:** Motion for resolution to approve all matters on the consent agenda was made by M. Bautista and seconded by C. Johnson.
  - A. Approval of 2/17/09 Meeting Minutes
  - B. Approval of the 2009/2010 Calendar
    - i. Roll Call Vote:
      - a. R. Ayon: YES
      - b. M. Bautista: YES
      - c. S. Finley: YES
      - d. P. Fox: YES
      - e. C. Johnson: YES
      - f. J. Sobanet: YES

7. **Update from the Douglas County School District Chief of Staff, Pat McGraw:** Report was postponed as Mr. McGraw was unavailable.
  
8. **Update on the status of the free and reduced lunch program:** H. O'Mara presented on behalf of Bill de la Cruz:
  - A. There are currently 3 centers participating in the FRL program at Hope Online: Cherry Creek, Harrison and IBG. Center of Hope will be added next month. The goal for the next school year is to provide an opportunity for FRL program participation by all interested centers.
  - B. Hope Online and DCSD Nutrition Services have agreed to terms for program oversight and training for the remainder of the 08/09 school year.
  - C. CDE audited Cherry Creek Learning Center FRL program and identified no significant concerns.
  - D. The feasibility of a summer food program is currently being discussed.
  
9. **Executive Director's Report:**
  - A. **CoSN Conference Presentation- Austin, TX, March 10-12:** H. O'Mara, B. de la Cruz and P. McGraw participated in a panel discussion with the NYCity iSchool.
  - B. **Center for Digital Education:** H. O'Mara presented the article, "A Survey of the States," that rated Colorado 14<sup>th</sup> in the United States as far as its practices and policies related to online education for k12.
  - C. **eSchoolNews Article:** Harvard Business School's Clayton Christensen, author of *Disrupting Class*, predicts that half of all high school instruction will take place online within the next 10 years.
  - D. **The Horizon Report:** This report introduces six emerging technologies or practices that are likely to enter mainstream use in learning-focused organizations over the next 1-5 years.  
  - E. **Learning Center Expansion 2009/2010:**
    1. H. O'Mara reported that over 60 organizations have inquired about operating Learning Centers. 23 Centers have submitted applications and 18 have been interviewed. Tours are being set up with the prospective Learning Centers.
    2. All current Learning Centers that have a Scorecard rating lower than 2.5 met with the Compliance team to discuss performance and plans for improvements.
    3. Back to Basics and Family Learning Center will not return for the 09/10 school year.
    4. The goal for 09/10 enrollment is 4,200-4,500 students at 60 Learning Centers, averaging 70 students per Learning Center.

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**F. Learning Center Tour Update:** The following tours will take place this week:

1. March 17<sup>th</sup>: Hillcrest Academy for Rep. Kevin Priola
2. March 17<sup>th</sup>: Roca Fuerte and Tetra for Children First Utah
3. March 18<sup>th</sup>: Cherry Creek Learning Center for Rep. Randy Baumgardner
4. March 19<sup>th</sup>: Center of Hope Academy for Rep. Cheri Gerou

**10. Public Comments:**

A. None.

**11. Executive Session:**

A. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b), meeting will be in executive session for purposes of providing legal advice to the Board. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(D)(5)(II)(b), the content of this executive session involves privileged attorney-client communications, and the session was not recorded. Motion was made by J. Sobanet and seconded by S. Finley.

i. Roll Call Vote:

- a. R. Ayon: YES
- b. M. Bautista: YES
- c. S. Finley: YES
- d. P. Fox: YES
- e. C. Johnson: YES
- f. J. Sobanet: YES

B. Return to regular session

**12. Announcements:**

A. None


**13. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 21 at 7:30 AM, as a conference call.**

**14. Adjourn:**

A. Motion for resolution to adjourn the meeting at 8:29AM made by J. Sobanet and seconded by P. Fox.

i. Roll Call Vote:

- a. R. Ayon: YES
- b. M. Bautista: YES
- c. S. Finley: YES
- d. P. Fox: YES
- e. C. Johnson: YES
- f. J. Sobanet: YES

  
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**Approved by: Mr. Phil Fox**  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
of Hope Online Learning Academy Co-op

  
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**Date**