

Governance Committee Update
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At the recent February 9, 2016 Governance Committee Meeting the committee discussed contracting with a Board Development consultant to grow our board's effectiveness related to organization, measuring board progress, goal setting, and evaluation of the board, director and programs. Currently, there are two consultants whom the Governance Committee is evaluating the merits of their proposals and services. Below is an overview of our evaluation with the two consultants thus far.

Board on Track: We are engaging Board on Track, a national firm supporting charter school boards via resources, training and coaching, to learn more of their specific services related to our needs. To learn more about Board on Track please review: <http://www.boardontrack.com/> One of the first steps before contracting with Board on Track is for an individual board to evaluate its effectiveness and determine its specific needs. I will be sending each of you a separate email with a link to take a three minute survey called the Governance Grader. The Governance team will have a conference call with the founder and director of Board on Track to learn of their evaluation of our survey results and related needs.

Tom Miller: Tom was our former DPI consultant. He knows us and understands our school. He was leader in the Fair Funding Initiative and has his own consulting firm: <http://www.leaders-building-leaders.com/about/>

Tom's plan provides Governance and executive coaching, attending committee meetings and providing strategic advice, setting goals and conference call consulting as a sounding board. John and Vicky hosted Tom for a tour of the school and preparatory discussion. The Governance Committee has reviewed his two proposal and John has had a follow up phone conference specifically addressing his proposals.

The Governance Committee will evaluate the pros and cons of Board on Track's services as compared to Tom Miller's and make a recommendation at the March board meeting.

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