

BOARD WORKSHOP SUMMARY

The Board met on Sunday, November 10 for a full-day development workshop facilitated by David Chojnack, author of the National Association of Independent School's International Trustee Handbook. The Board Members reviewed their commitments to the Board's culture, legacy, and Code of Conduct. There was a discussion on the role of Board Members as "Trustees" who make decisions on the sustainability and success of the school into the future, as opposed to "Directors", who are focused more on solving short-term issues related to operations. The Board repeated its commitment to undertake informed and rigorous decision making and agreed actions to continue to build the effectiveness of the board and its approach to governing.

The Board engaged in discussion on the Campus Upgrade Project and the need to arrive at a decision on how to proceed. After intense and thoughtful conversation, it was determined that no decision should be made without sufficient time and thorough assessment. There was a consensus that the Superintendent should complete his Listening Tour prior to any decision on the Campus Upgrade Project. The Board outlined several areas in which they felt they could use more information and preparatory work. It was agreed that a decision date on the project would be moved to spring 2020.

Last, the Board examined potential amendments to the Board Election Rules & Procedures (previously the Board Election Policy). There was a general consensus on several areas for change, however, some provisions would still require update to meet the goals of the Board. The Governance Committee will take back the document to the committee and rework it for presentation at the December Board meeting.

The Board had a productive and successful workshop.