

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 16, 2016 MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order at:** 6:20 p.m.

**Members in attendance:** Mark Bland, President-Elect; Melanie Como-Dits, President; Lauren Cressy Dunbar; Annie Geary; David Rowley, Treasurer; Sophie White; Jennifer Williamson; Mari Linn Wise; Paul Worland; and Ed Yang, Past President

**Staff/Faculty in attendance:** Deborah Drendall, Head of School; Susan Finster, Director of Finance; Julie Gabrielse, Early Childhood Director; Becky Dennis, Elementary/Junior High Division Chair; and Kim Bosworth, Executive Assistant to the Head of School

**Guests in Attendance:** n/a

**Absent:** Bill Bagatini; Peter Lombardo; and Jeanne Yoder, Secretary

**Consent Agenda** – including January 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes; March 2016 Advancement Committee Report; and Windfall Response Report was unanimously approved.

**Committee on Trustees** – Melanie Como-Dits reported on the following:

- Thank you to Mark Bland, who was appointed President-Elect via emailed motion and votes in February
- Time was given for Trustees to complete the following:
  - Board Assessment 2015-16
  - Board Member Self Evaluation 2015-16
  - Re-commitment Intention Letter 2016-17
- Windfall Update
  - Approximately 190 RSVP's to date
  - BOT donations went to provide the wine for the tables
  - New and exciting changes this year

**Head of School Report** – Deborah Drendall reviewed a written report highlighting the following:

- 2016-2017 Enrollment
  - Current Enrollment is at 102 – last year at this time enrollment was at 87
- Daily News
  - Science Expo
  - Terra Nova Testing
    - There was discussion regarding whether the Terra Nova testing process and results are taken seriously.

- New learning opportunities targeting students with speech and reading difficulties, anxiety issues and social challenges
  - There was discussion regarding the services we are and are not able to provide to students with “learning differences”.
- Staff Goals and Expectations
- AMS Annual Conference
- Summer Programs

**Announcements – n/a**

**Motion to adjourn.**

**Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at: 7:15 p.m.**

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, April 20th, at 6:00 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:** Kim Bosworth, Executive Assistant to the Head of School