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# JUMOKE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Jumoke Academy

**Date:** December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** 339 Blue Hills Avenue. Hartford, CT 06102

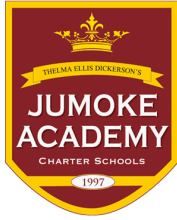
**Present:**

James Michel- Board Chair  
Melanie James - Teacher Representative  
Sharon Gentles-Harris- Community Representative  
Thomas Smith- Community Representative  
John Mena - Community Representative  
Bertram McDowell, Jr. - Secretary - *via conference call*  
Todd Cooper - Community Representative  
Joy Stewart- Parent Liaison to the board  
Kashifa Coleman-Dejesus - Parent Liaison to the board

**Absent:**

Glenn Winfree- Community Representative

- I. Meeting called to order by James Michel at 6:05pm
- II. **Opening:**
  - 1) Welcome & Introduction of the board done by James Michel.
  - 2) No Public Comments
  - 3) Introduction of Kashifa Coleman-Dejesus, new parent liaison to the board.
- III. **Board Chair Comments:**
  - 1) Parent background checks to be administered to all parent liaison to the board. The fee will be paid for by the school. These background checks will provide full disclosure to parents, staff and Jumoke Academy constituents.



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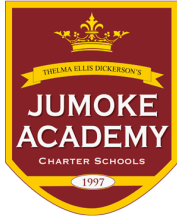
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- 2) Board Member Building Assignments were given to all board members. Each member was assigned to a school and events listed so members have the ability to attend throughout the year.

#### **IV. Executive Director's Report:**

- 1) Scholar Recognition Presentation- Dr. Monroe recognized three scholars for their contributions to their community, school life and academic achievement: Tsheann Benjamin from Jah SMaRT, Zolah Daley from Jah- H.C. and Jaleigh Whitter from T.E.D. Board members greeted parents and scholars.
- 2) Lego League Recognition & Presentation- Nine scholars were recognized by the board of directors for their recent Lego League championship win led by Melissa Vanek, Ted Garner and Julian Rose. The Jumoke Academy Lego League Participants showcased their version of a chimney swift that was more suitable for our environment accompanied by a brief skit.
- 3) 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Gala Update- The fundraising goal has be set to \$50,000. Tickets will be sold at \$60.00, the attire for the gala is semi-formal with the colors being black/gold. A Caribbean buffet will be offered, the chosen DJ is Ron Perez and the location has been set at the Windsor CT Marriott. The Save the Dates have been mailed out. A questions was posed by Melanie James as to how Jumoke Academy Staff will be reached? Dr. Monroe advised that a plea will be made at each school of the Gala's importance and the request of their support. The silent auction will still be available for patrons to take part of, there will be no use of online technology to host the silent auction.
- 4) Breast Cancer Awareness Letter- Dr. Monroe made the board aware of the Academy's civic contribution to the community.
- 5) Jumoke Academy in the News- the Academy was featured in the Northeast Charter School Network newsletter for multiple achievements as we celebrate twenty years. Amongst those achievements Dr. Monroe commented on recent accomplishments in literacy and math. Efforts to engage our parents & community are reasons why charters have been so successful! The second posting on the academy was from the Religious



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Freedom who referenced the Academy's recent religious posting that was reported and asked to be removed from a school. The post was removed immediately and all involved were reminded of the separation of church and state.

## **V. Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of November board meeting minutes- A motion was made by Todd Cooper to accept the November board meeting minutes. Seconded by Thomas Smith. All in favor.

## **VI. Finance Director's Report:**

- 1) Audited Financial Statement Presentation- Walt O'Connell reported to the board that the Academy has received a clean opinion for several audits that were prepared by his accounting firm. The academy has been found to have great operational controls and a great school, clean and tight accounting practices. A motion to approve the audited financial statement as presented by Walt O'Connell made by Thomas Smith, seconded by Sharon Harris. All in favor.
- 2) Building Update- the Scarborough Street property has been sold. The 834,846 and 852 Asylum Avenue properties have been listed for sale. The 852 Asylum Ave. property has received an offer in the amount of \$245,000. The closing is pending for February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 3) October Financial Statement- Title I & II grants were applied for. The Academy's cash flow looks really good.

## **VII. Adjournment:**

- 1) Motion made by Todd Cooper to adjourn at 8:02pm, seconded by John Mena. All in favor.