

JUMOKE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Jumoke Academy

Date: March 28th, 2017

Time: 6:00pm

Location: 852 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT 06105

Present:

James Michel - Board Chair

Sharon Gentles- Harris - Treasurer

Todd Cooper - Community Representative

Bertram McDowell, Jr. - Secretary - *via conference call*

Thomas Smith- Community Representative

Kashifa Coleman-Dejesus - Parent Liaison to the Board - *via conference call*

Absent:

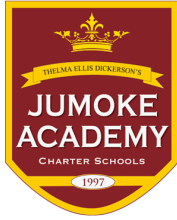
Joy Stewart - Parent Representative

Melanie James - Teacher Representative

John Mena - Community Representative

Glenn Winfree- Community Representative

- I. Meeting Called to order by James Michel at 6:01pm
- II. **Opening:**
 - 1) Welcome & Opening Remarks given by James Michel.
 - 2) No Public Comments
- III. **Board Chair Comments:**
- 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: M. Hawkins from Jah SMaRT, A. Turton from JAH- H.C. and J. Barclay from T.E.D. Board members greeted parents and scholars.

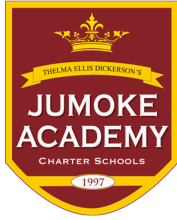


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- 2) Charter School Renewal Update- The Academy's hearing is scheduled for May 3rd, 2017. The hearing outcome will reveal the Academy's charter renewal length between 1 year and 5 years. Building principals will sit with the Executive Director to assist in responding to the State Dept. of Education inquiry.
- 3) Jumoke Academy/Achievement First MOU Renewal- As the Academy's Charter is being renewed so has the memorandum of understanding (MOU) in relation to the high school partnership with Achievement First. Some of the new highlights in the MOU are the committee member count has changed from six to five members. The state department of education would like to review the MOU that extends the 5 year agreement, this request has been approved by the Academy's attorney and will be granted once the SDE has put their request in writing to the Academy.
- 4) Curriculum/Academic Update- Academic Director, Felicia Fountain explained SBAC vs. MAP and what differentiates the two testing tools. MAP testing assists the Academy's leadership teams with mapping the academic year while the SBAC is a state measured testing tool that allows the state to view the performance measurement of a school and if students are mastering common core standards in the areas of ELA and Math. Each school principal presented MAP assessment data, highlighted growth and advised the board in a series of next steps on improvement strategies to show more growth in the spring. Thomas Smith - board member posed a question: What other districts are utilizing MAP? Academic director will begin some research and report back to board.

V. Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of January minutes, 2017-2018 academic calendar and February minutes with revisions to section four (adjournment) The correction will read, "Board Chair advised the meeting was closed at 6:48pm due to an employee who created a hostile environment." A motion was made by Thomas Smith to accept the February minutes revisions, along with the January and 2017-2018 academic calendar, seconded by Sharon Gentles-Harris.



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VI. Finance Director's Report:

- 1) 2017-2018 Uniform RFP Update- The RFP process has been completed for the 2017-2018 school year. The contract was awarded to two vendors who completed a joint RFP. The companies are in the community in which the Academy serves. Living Word Print and Uniforms n Stuff will now serve our Jumoke families with the goal of improving customer service which was a chief complaint from families with the previous vendor. There will be separate flyers for each uniform set by schools provided to families this year. Frank Williams. also thanked Kharissa Taylor for her leadership role in pushing the process along.
- 2) Financial Statement- Mr. Williams advised he will have prepared detailed projection for the year end available for the next board meeting scheduled to be held on May 9th, 2017.
- 3) Property Disposition Update - 852 Asylum Avenue had an offer that fell through. No other offers received as this moment.

VII. Sub Committee Reports:

- 1) None

VIII. Executive Session:

- 1) Motion made by Todd Cooper to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and give a property disposition update at 7:52p.m. , seconded by Sharon Gentles-Harris. Frank Williams, Valena Smith and Felicia Fountain were invited to stay. Motion to move out of executive session at 8:10pm was made by Sharon Gentles-Harris, seconded by Thomas Smith, All in favor.

IX. Adjournment:

- 1) Motion made by Todd Cooper to adjourn at 8:11pm, seconded by Thomas Smith, All in favor.