

JUMOKE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Jumoke Academy

Date: May 9th, 2017

Time: 6:00pm

Location: 852 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT 06105

Present:

James Michel - Board Chair

Sharon Gentles- Harris - Treasurer

Todd Cooper - Community Representative

Melanie James - Teacher Representative

Thomas Smith- Community Representative- *via conference call*

John Mena - Community Representative

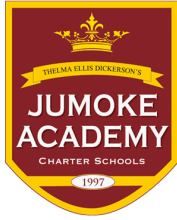
Glenn Winfree- Community Representative

Absent:

Joy Stewart - Parent Representative

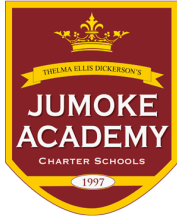
Bertram McDowell, Jr. - Secretary

- 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:** James Michel would like the board to consider an Annual Award given to someone within the community or school body for their contribution to the Academy and its mission.
- IV. **Executive Director's Report:**
 - 1) Scholar Recognition Presentation- Dr. Monroe recognized two scholars for their contributions to their community, school life and academic achievements: J. Weir from Jah SMaRT, A. Turton from JAH- H.C. Board members greeted parents and scholars.



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- 2) Board Retreat Date- The 2017 Board Retreat will be held on September 9th, 2017, the location is to be determined.
- 3) Charter School Renewal Update- May 3rd, 2017 the Academy received a three year charter renewal. The organization was deemed overall a sound entity. The chief concern was in the area of math which is a state wide concern specifically, grades 5 & 7 math were concerns for our district. A corrective action plan response was sent to CSDE on April 28th, 2017. This plan is to be approved by CSDE prior to implementation. A new template will be sent to the academy to address academic action plan items. The state should receive the template outline on June 1st, 2017. The state is looking for the school to obtain double digit gains- 10% or higher, and the Academy is putting a strategy in place to meet these expectations.
- 4) Middle School Outreach - Two videos highlighting the differences between the Academy's STEM and Arts schools were showcased.
- 5) Enrollment Report- As of May 9th, 2017 a total of three hundred and twenty three applications have been received for the 2017-2018 academic year. Forty seven are sibling and two hundred and seventy six are new applicants.
- 6) Talent Management Update- To date, talent management office has received four resignations consisting of two elementary, social worker and a dean's position which is currently filled with an interim dean. Three positions have been eliminated for the 2017-2018. All open positions are posted for the 2017-2018 academic year along with Summer Academy open positions.
- 7) Summer Academy Update- The Summer Academy will partner with Connecticut Landmarks organization serving grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. The camp will run from June 26th, 2017 - July 21st, 2017. The time will be from 9am - 4pm with before and aftercare as an option. The cost for the program is \$400, A \$150 deposit is required and there is an early bird special for \$385 if paid on or before May 19th, 2017. Transportation will be provided for Hartford residents only, the total available spots are one hundred to one hundred and ten being the cap. Scholars will be visiting the Isham Terry House, Butler McCook House and the Williams Buttolph Home as a part of their field experiences while they learn about historical contributors to Hartford, CT.



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V. Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of March Board Meeting Minutes, 2017-2018 Budget and the revised Achievement First MOU. A motion was made by Glenn Winfree to accept the consent agenda items, seconded by Todd Cooper, All in favor.

VI. Finance Director's Report:

- 1) Refinance Update- Mortgage loans are being financed, Second mortgage on 875 Asylum Ave. Hartford, CT - closing date will be set to a date later in May.
- 2) Financial Statement- Distributed to board members and confirmed that the Academy is in good financial status.
- 3) Property Disposition Update- Three Asylum Ave. properties have received a deposit for purchase from the Chrysalis house. There is currently a six month contingency for the purchaser to obtain additional funds for the properties prior to closing.

VII. Sub Committee Reports:

- 1) None

VIII. Executive Session:

- 1) Motion made by Sharon Harris to move into Executive Session to discuss property disposition updates and personnel matters at 8:05pm , seconded by John Mena. Frank Williams, Felicia Fountain and Valena Smith were invited to stay. Motion to move out of Executive Session at 8:30pm

IX. Adjournment:

- 1) Motion made by John Mena to adjourn at 8:45pm, seconded by Glenn Winfree, All in favor.