



JUMOKE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Jumoke Academy

Date: October 13th, 2015

Time: 6:00pm

Location: 852 Asylum Ave. Hartford, CT 061015

Present:

James Michel- Board Chair

Sharon Gentles-Harris- Community Representative

Todd Cooper- Community Representative

Melanie James- Treasurer & Teacher Representative

Thomas Smith- Community Representative

Glenn Winfrey- Community Representative

Bertram McDowell, Jr. – Community Representative

I. Meeting Called to order by James Michel at 6:10pm.

II. Board Chair Comments:

- (1) Board Chair advised that Executive Director will be honored by the 100 Men of Color and board members are encouraged to attend.
- (2) Hartford Courant Article Review- (reference made to Achievement 1st where they were cited for high levels of suspension rates and over use of timeout rooms.) Jumoke Academy's staff have been trained in the use of PMT which has helped minimize the use of timeout rooms and also supported reduced Suspension rates compared to other districts. It has been noted that the 14-15 school suspension rates have been reduced compared to the 13-14 school year suspension rates.

III. Executive Directors Report:

- (1) Enrollment Update- Enrollment for the 2015-2016 academic year is 692 scholars.
- (2) Feasibility Study Update- A review of proposed capital improvements were presented by consultant, John Mena and the Executive Director. At 875 Asylum Ave, major capital improvements will be needed particularly if the building is to be used for future consolidation efforts. The elementary school located at 250 Blue Hills is a leased property and has some major



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issues in need of repair but present no safety concerns at this time. Jumoke handles all maintenance issues with this leased property. Mr. Mena discussed the possible expansion of 250 Blue Hills Ave if this is a direction to be taken in the future with implications parking issues that could result. Jumoke has utilized the last usable learning space at 250 Blue Hills Ave. which has resulted in losing library space. 357 Blue Hills Avenue is owned by Jumoke and learning space is not conducive to 21st Century learning.

Dr. Monroe advised that Plan A: would be acquiring a Pre-K -12th grade facility on a 15 acre piece of land. Plan B: Housing our secondary schools in an existing Jumoke facility while maintaining our elementary program in the North end of Hartford. The desire is to locate a facility and/or property in the North End of Hartford that would support current enrollment, allow for expansion through high school, and provide learning spaces that support 21st century learning and common core instruction.

- (3) North East Charter School Network Update – Finance Manager and the Executive Director attended this meeting. The network was pleased with the improvements Jumoke Academy has made within the last year.
- (4) CSDE Operational Oversight- Sandy Cruz-Serrano, CREC’s deputy Executive Director informed attendees of CREC’s role toward providing operational oversight. Mrs. Cruz-Serrano stated that the contract to provide this oversight was signed with CSDE in mid-July and is between CREC and the State of Connecticut. Per Mrs. Cruz-Serrano CSDE goals and direction for CREC include a review monthly financial statements, development analysis of liability of Jumoke Academy under various debt scenarios, listing of properties that Jumoke Academy owns, development of a methodology for insuring that state of grant money is used only for educational purposes, and conducting appraisals for all properties and develop a plan with Jumoke Academy on which properties should be eliminated. CREC’s intent is to collaborate with Jumoke Academy.

IV. Consent Agenda:

- (1) Motion made to accept the September board meeting minutes by Todd Cooper, seconded by Thomas Smith. All in favor.



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V. Finance Director's Report:

- (1) Annual Audit Update- Finance Manager advised that at the October board meeting a timeline will be provided for all board members.

VI. Sub Committee Reports:

- (1) Building Committee report will be given in the executive session.

VII. Executive Session:

- (1) Motion to move into Executive Session made by Sharon Harris, seconded by Todd Cooper at 7:05pm. Motion made by Tom Smith to exit Executive Session, seconded by Sharon Gentles-Harris at 7:45pm. All in favor.

VIII. Adjournment:

- (1) Motion made by Tom Smith to adjourn at 7:46pm, seconded by Glenn Winfrey. All in favor.