

JUMOKE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Jumoke Academy

Date: January 10th, 2017

Time: 6:00pm

Location: 852 Asylum Ave. Hartford, CT 06105

Present:

James Michel - Board Chair
Melanie James - Teacher Representative
Sharon Gentles- Harris - Treasurer
Todd Cooper - Community Representative
John Mena - Community Representative

Absent:

Joy Stewart - Parent Representative
Thomas Smith- Community Representative
Bertram McDowell, Jr. - Secretary
Glenn Winfree- Community Representative
Kashifa Coleman-Dejesus - Parent Liaison to the Board

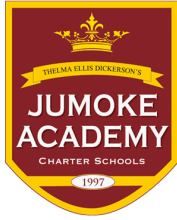
I. Meeting Called to order by James Michel at 6:10pm

II. **Opening:**

- 1) Welcome & Opening Remarks given by James Michel.
- 2) Public Comments:
 - i. Delroy Cobham a Jah HC parent advised the board of the dangers of turning into the middle school from Asylum Avenue and wanted to know of any precautions that can be made in behalf of the academy. Board Chair James Michel advised parent that his concerns will be addressed with some sort of strategy for parents by next month.

III. **Board Chair Comments:**

- 1) Attendance to the upcoming Heritage Gala on February 25th, 2017 was encouraged.



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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: Jauntae Allijohn from T.E.D, Lindra Ledger from Jah SMaRT and Kennedy Cobham from Jah-H.C. Board member greeted parents and scholars.
- 2) 20th Anniversary/Gala Update- Invitations were mailed out, requests for paper tickets have come in and requests will be honored even though online purchases are available. Paper ticket request are case by case. Ad space are available, pricing options can be found on the academy's website. Approximately forty five revised ask letters were sent out to architectural firms and construction companies.
- 3) Jumoke Charter School Renewal Tour Update- Dr. Monroe advised he was satisfied with the responses around the states questions of the academy's operational, financial and instructional practices during their visit. Additional SDE tour dates will be sent out to the board. A Public announcement will be released providing dates and times of the public hearing. Desi Nesmith, Chief Turnaround Officer will tour all three schools.
- 4) Board Member Building Assignments Update- Board members were thanked for their responsiveness to the board building assignments. John Mena attended the youth ambassador program at Jah SMaRT.

V. Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of December Board Meeting Minutes- A motion was made by Todd Cooper to accept the December board meeting minutes. Seconded by Sharon Harris. All in favor.

VI. Finance Director's Report:

- 1) Loan Refinance Update- The closing should happen by the end of January. Standard bank fees are involved. The refinance is due to a balloon payment scheduled for 2017. There are no prepayment penalties.
- 2) Building Update- The sale of 852 has been postponed. The buyer's lender is unable to obtain a residential loan.

VII. Adjournment:

- 1) Motion made by Sharon Harris to adjourn at 7:07pm, seconded by Todd Cooper. All in favor.