



JUMOKE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Jumoke Academy

Date: December 12th, 2017

Time: 6:00pm

Location: 999 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT 06105

Present:

James Michel - Board Chair

Melanie James - Teacher Representative

John Mena - Community Representative - *via conference call*

Ricardo Anderson - Parent Representative

Todd Cooper - Community Representative

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

Sharon Gentles- Harris - Treasurer

Thomas Smith- Community Representative

Absent:

Glenn Winfree- Community Representative

Julian McFarland- Parent Representative

I. Meeting called to order by James Michel at 6:09pm.

II. Opening:

- 1) Welcome & Opening Remarks given by James Michel
- 2) No Public Comments

III. Executive Director's Report:

- 1) Scholar Recognition Presentation- James Michel recognized Natalya Pennant - JAH HC for her contribution to her community, school life and academic achievements.
- 2) District Relocation Updates- District office relocation has finally been completed. A special thanks to Finance Dept., Facilities Dept. and the Administrative team. The 834 Asylum Ave. location has completely been cleaned out as of 12/12/2017 with a scheduled closing date of 12/13/2017.



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- 3) Jumoke Academy Consolidation Advisory Committee- the committee will conduct its first meeting on 12-19-17, the committee is made up of teachers, principals, and other building stake holders coming together with a goal to provide insight & vision on the consolidation of the Academy's campuses and or re-configuration. A meeting will be held with the board subcommittee as well to prepare for a presentation to the board in January.
- 4) Board Assignments & Visits- The board was presented with building level happenings throughout the district and the board chair encouraged board member to have their presence throughout the schools.
- 5) Gala Update- The board has been advised that the entertainment has been unanimously chosen, while being reminded that the gala has a masquerade theme. Ask letters were sent to construction companies and follow ups will happen the week of the 18th and upon return from winter break.
- 6) Audited Financial Statement Presentation- Walt O'Connell advised the board that the Academy, received a clean audit. The sale of properties reduced debt down \$800,000 while still having a debt of 2.26 million dollars. Recommendations were researching reading scholarships through readers digest and obtaining a larger line of credit to assist with cash flow and if needed, a credit card with cash rewards. Mr. O'Connell made an extra mention advising the Academy's internal controls were excellent! A motion to accept draft audit report as presented was made by Thomas Smith, seconded by Sharon Harris, All in favor.

IV. Consent Agenda:

- 1) Motion was made to accept the October financial statement and the November Board Meeting Minutes with the spelling correction of Ariana Prendergast and gift value corrected to read \$4,705.00. Motion made by Sharon Harris seconded by Ricardo Anderson, All in favor.

V. Sub Committee Reports:

- 1) None

VI. Executive Session:

- 1) Motion made by Todd Cooper to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel Matters at 7:01pm, seconded by Thomas Smith. Valena Smith was



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invited to stay. Motion to move out of Executive Session made by Todd Cooper seconded by Thomas Smith at 8:01pm. All in favor.

VII. Adjournment:

- 1) Motion made by James Michel to adjourn at 8:02pm, seconded by Sharon Harris. All in favor.

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