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**Elm City College Prep
Board of Directors Meeting
Sept 19, 2012
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Joint Meeting with Amistad Academy

Directors in Attendance:

Elm City

Dick Ferguson, Laura Saverin, Will Heins, Lystra Richardson, Marnie Halsey, Joseph Boskovski, Carolyn Greenspan and Deborah Quinsee.

Amistad Academy

Melinda Hamilton, Lisa Bonnifield, Lorraine Gibbons, Andrew Lachman, Paul McCraven, Alexander Troy, Michael Van Leesten and Michael Thomas.

Others in Attendance: Dana Foster, Kelonda Maull, Lauren Miller, Ken Paul, Reshma Singh, Amanda Alonzy and Andrew Poole

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order at 5:40pm. He welcomed the board and opened the room for public comment. No Public comment was made and he proceeded to move forward with the Retreat Recap.

Ms. Singh introduced Kelonda Maull and Laina Vlasnik Yip to the board and then began discussing major themes from the Board Retreat and let the board know she is working with other teams to answering all board questions and concerns that were addressed at the retreat.

Mr. Ferguson asked the principals to make their reports to the boards.

Andrew Poole, principal of Elm City College Prep Elementary greeted the board and discussed the schools current priorities, key successes and challenges. Mr. Poole began letting the board know about upcoming IA assessments, guided reading and the excitement for building a positive behavior system and staff morale. Mr. Poole is excited to have gained clarity and immense focus on implementation of their behavior system and was very enthusiastic a recent article in the New Haven Register. Mr. Poole expressed some challenges to the board regarding student attendance and academic performance.

Amanda Alonzy, principal of Amistad Elementary school greeted the board and discussed the current priorities, key successes and challenges at the school. Ms. Alonzy discussed her excitement regarding her new operations team and managing new enrollment, investment in her teachers for engaged learning and teaching, addressing positive and negative behaviors that will set scholars up for success and holding scholars to academic excellence. Ms. Alonzy addressed some challenges this year dealing with afternoon dismissal and maintaining strong math results while also focusing on reading.

Ms. Singh gave an update on advocacy and community engagement for the upcoming year and expressed the need to focus on local support for our schools, community engagement and outreach this year. Ms. Miller

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discussed her plans for community outreach as it relates to student recruitment and enrollment for the 2013-14 school year.

Elm City College Preparatory Individual Board Meeting

Directors in Attendance: Dick Ferguson, Laura Saverin, Will Heins, Lystra Richardson, Marnie Halsey, Joseph Boskovski, Carolyn Greenspan and Deborah Quinsee

Others in Attendance: Dana Foster and Kelonda Maull

Dick Ferguson chaired and Kelonda Maull recorded the minutes.

1. Approve past meeting minutes:

- a. Request motion to approve past meeting minutes. So moved. Second the motion. Vote.

Mr. Ferguson asked if the board had a chance to review the minutes from the previous board meeting. He asked if anyone had any suggestions or changes to make. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes in the form presented to the board.

Moved: Deborah Quinsee

Seconded: Laura Saverin

(All in favor).

Mr. Ferguson asked Ms. Saverin, board treasurer to give a financial update to the board regarding the school budget and financials

Ms. Saverin talked to the board about the school financials. Hearing no questions, Mr. Ferguson asked the board to vote to approve the forecast financials.

Moved: Laura Saverin

Seconded: Deborah Quinsee

(all in favor).

Ms. Foster talked to the board about the Whitson's contract and the need for the board to review the changes to the contract. Hearing no concerns or questions about the contract, Mr. Ferguson asked the board to approve the amended contract.

RESOLVED: BE IT RESOLVED that Elm City College Preparatory board of directors approves the amendment to the Whitson's Food Service Contract as referenced in the meeting and provided in the meeting preparation materials and attached hereto these minutes.

Moved: Will Heins

Seconded: Lystra Richardson

(all in favor).

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Mr. Ferguson gave the board a facilities update regarding the High school building project and the lease agreement for Elm City College Prep at 403 and 407 James Street. Mr. Paul gave an update on the progress for the new Amistad High School building project.

Mr. Paul then gave the board an update on the development needs and goals for the year.

Mr. Ferguson asked if there was any new business to be addressed at the meeting. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Lystra Richardson

Seconded: Marnie Halsey

(all in favor).

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm