

Achievement First Bridgeport Academy

Board of Directors Notes

October 4, 2012

Board Attendance: Max Perez, Judy Andrews, Cornilus Medas, , Andy Boas, Dick Ferguson, Harold Kamis, Chris Kunhardt, Wiley Mullins, Ed Raice, Marlene Macauda

Others in Attendance: Morgan Carter, Kate Auefino, Morgan Barth, Ken Paul, Lauren Miller, Reshma Singh, Kelonda Maull

Mr. Boas called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. Mr. Boas welcomed the board and asked if there was any public comment. Hearing none, he invited the principals to begin with their reports to the board.

Kate Baker, principal of Achievement First Bridgeport Academy Elementary school presented to the board on the successes and challenges that the school has faced to date this year. Some successes include very high attendance and structured school culture policy. Academically, one challenge they are facing is adapting the school curriculum to the Common Core standards. The entire team is working together to address this challenge. Ms. Baker answered questions from the board.

Morgan Barth, principal of Achievement First Bridgeport Academy Middle school presented his report to the school. He talked to the board about how the school year has gone so far and highlighted successes and challenges. One of the major successes he spoke about were the excellent CMT results from the end of the last school year – the scholars made tremendous academic progress. Additionally the school culture continues to be positive. Mr. Barth answered questions from the board.

Resolutions

Mr. Boas asked the board if they had a chance to look through the minutes from the last board meeting. He asked if anyone had any changes to make to the minutes. Hearing no suggestions, he asked the board for a motion to approve the minutes.

Moved: Harold Kamis

Seconded: Max Perez

(All in favor).

Mr. Boas asked Ms. Singh to explain the Whitsons contract amendment to the board. Ms. Singh explained the contract to the board and the slight changes to the contract. The board reviewed the contract and moved to approve it.

RESOLVED: (BE IT RESOLVED that Achievement First Bridgeport Academy board of directors approves the amendment to the Whitson's Food Service Contract as referenced in the

Approved: 12/06/12

meeting and provided in the meeting preparation materials and attached hereto these minutes.

Moved: Wiley Mullins

Seconded: Max Perez

(All if favor).

Ms. Singh spoke to the board and gave feedback from the board retreat in July on governance and AF/board relationships and the introduction of principals to the community to help them engage better in the community. Ms. Singh let the board know she will update the board in January. Ms. Singh also updated the board on staffing changes on the External Relations Team and will introduce the team to new staff members at the next meeting. Ms. Singh discussed anticipated Connecticut advocacy for the upcoming year. Ms. Singh also gave the board an update on the Amistad High School project in New Haven. –

Mr. Boas asked Mr. Raice, board treasurer to provide an update on the financials. Mr. Raice went over the board balance sheets. The board decided to wait until the next board meeting to approve the financials because they had some questions about the revised high school budget.

Mr. Boas provided the board with an update about facilities and highlighted the wonderful new playground at AF Bridgeport Elementary built with a partnership with Kaboom!

Mr. Paul gave a brief update on philanthropy and development.

Mr. Boas asked if there was any new business to be addressed. Hearing none, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm.

Moved: Dick Kalt

Seconded: Marlene Macaуда

(All if favor).