

Achievement First Hartford Academy

Jumoke Academy

Joint High School Committee Meeting

September 19, 2016, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

AF Hartford Academy High School, Conference Room
305 Greenfield Street, Hartford CT

The following board members, not constituting a quorum, and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Barry Jacobson.

Todd Cooper, Jumoke Academy Board - Yes
Melanie James, Jumoke Academy Board - No
Thomas Smith, Jumoke Academy Board - No
Frank Williams, Jumoke Academy - Yes
Troy Monroe, Jumoke Academy - Yes
Nichelle Woodson, Jumoke Academy - Yes

Marshall Ruben, AFHA Board - No
John Motley, AFHA Board - Yes
Barry Jacobson, AFHA Board - Yes
Emily Banks, AF Hartford High - Yes
Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

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II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Reports

Emily Banks, AF Hartford High School Principal, reported that the 9th grade is proving to be a relatively strong grade, despite initial concerns following a challenging 8th grade year last year. She attributed much of this to a particularly strong group of 9th grade teachers.

Ms. Banks shared that alumni are all over social media talking about how well prepared they feel for college and the younger students are seeing that. It's having a very positive effect on school culture.

SAT results, which became the CT state test for high school, were strong at AF Hartford High: #2 for all magnets in Hartford, #1 in the state for low income students, and above the state and CREC average.

Staff retention was pretty good from last year to this year - 84%. The leadership team is doing lots of coaching for those new teachers especially those who are struggling. Ms Banks feels that the coaching model is strong but that it reinforces the belief that the investment made in people doesn't work when

teachers turn over in year two or three. A five year commitment is necessary for the investment and progress to really have an impact.

They are currently eight students underenrolled.

The Committee had a discussion about the low number of Jumoke scholars who have come to AF Hartford High. Mr. Troy Monroe shared his insights from speaking with Jumoke families. Barry Jacobson recommended drafting a strategic plan to reach out to Jumoke and engage scholars and families in the outreach process.

At the next meeting, the Committee will discuss the High School Policies.

Barry Jacobson gave a financial report to the Committee noting that at only one month in, there is not much to report. The 2015-16 school year wrapped up right on forecast.

IV. Board Business

Resolution 1:

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from March 28 and May 23, 2016.

The Committee did not have quorum and therefore did not vote on the resolutions.

Resolution 2:

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Hartford Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm by Barry Jacobson.