

**Elm City College Preparatory
Board of Directors**

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

370 James Street, New Haven

6:00 pm

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Dick Ferguson. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First staff were in attendance:

Richard Ferguson - Yes

Laura Saverin - Yes

Genevive Walker - Yes

Patricia Pierce - No

Stephanie Ma - Yes

Magaly Cajigas - No

Patric Gregory - Yes

Melinda Hamilton - Yes

Joe Rodriguez - No

Julia Halberstam - Yes

Nicole Brambila - Yes

Katherine Baker, ECCP School Leadership - Yes

Andrew Poole, ECCP School Leadership - Yes

Katie McPollom, ECCP School Leadership - Yes

Karin Gould, ECCP School Leadership -

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

Blake Bergeron, AF Network Support - Yes

Katie Rosa Moher, AF Network Support - Yes

Public: n/a

II. Open session for public comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approve Minutes

RESOLVED, the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from July 31, 2018.

Motion by Melinda Hamilton

Seconded by Laura Saverin

All in favor

IV. Reports and Discussion

A. Principal Reports

Katherine Baker, Elm City College Preparatory Principal for grades K-2 shared that the school year is off to a good start. There is 90 minutes of self-directed learning at the beginning of the day has been very popular among students and families. The time has also been useful for interventions and making up student work.

Andrew Poole, Elm City College Preparatory principal for grades 3-6 is focusing on establishing strong student and adult culture and the board discussed various metrics. The school is identifying interventions to best support students - both those who are new to ELm City and those who are returning.

Both principals discussed the students' enthusiasm for the Greenfield model and the benefits of having a larger cohort of Greenfield schools across the AF network.

Elm City Prep Middle School principal, Katie McPollom, shared with the board that the school has prioritized meeting with families prior to students entering the school. These opportunities to speak to parents have helped families understand what the AF school experience will be like.

The eighth grade has experienced a strong start, both in terms of culture and academics. Attendance has been strong and teacher retention was very good.

B. Joint High School Committee Report

Dick Ferguson shared that all board members are welcome to attend Joint Committee Meetings.

Morgan Barth, AF Amistad High School principal, discussed signing day, sharing that 95% of the class of 2018 matriculated to college this fall.

Staff retention is strong (85%) but the school has had to adjust to staff attrition issues in the first weeks of school. The school's enrollment has increased (student attrition is very low) and this growth has been accommodated through scheduling and the appropriation of different spaces.

AP Calculus scores have doubled for two years in row

C. Chief Financial Officer Report

Victor De La Paz, AF's Chief Financial Officer, updated the board on year end results for FY18. Elm City College Preparatory Elementary, Middle, and AF Amistad High ended the year with

surpluses

Bond Commission approved \$850K of loan forgiveness for each of our eligible charters

The FY20 Budget Process is beginning earlier than last year, with a goal of identifying \$1M to \$1.2M of reductions across all CT schools

D. Board Chair Report

Dick Ferguson appointed a committee to complete the annual evaluation of Achievement First. The Committee gave AF the highest mark in all categories.

RESOLVED, the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby approves the Charter Evaluation Committee's review of the Elm City College Preparatory Academy Charter.

Motion by Laura Saverin

Seconded by Patric Gregory

All in favor

V. Executive Session

The board did not enter Executive Session.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm by Dick Ferguson

Motion by Laura Saverin

Seconded by Genevive Walker

All in favor