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Amistad Academy
Joint High School Committee Meeting

September 12, 2017, 4:30 pm

495 Blake Street, New Haven

Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Carolyn Greenspan. The following board members and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Caroline Williams, Amistad Board - No
Carolyn Greenspan, Amistad Board - Yes
Jane Levin, Amistad Board - No

Chris Kunhardt, AFBA Board - Yes
Jim Bennett, AFBA Board - Yes
Dick Kalt - AFBA Board - No

Richard Ferguson, ECCP Board - Yes
Laura Saverin, ECCP Board - No
William Heins, ECCP Board - No

Morgan Barth, Amistad High School Principal - Yes
Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes
Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Open Session for Public Comment

There was no public comment.

School Report (Morgan Barth)

Morgan Barth reported a strong start to the school year with particularly strong curricula. Teachers had four and a half weeks of training before the students arrived.

The overall staff retention was close to 85%. For teachers, specifically, it was close to 75%. They currently have approximately 60 teachers and 90 staff members.

The building is at capacity. The target enrollment is 625.

55 percent of the Amistad HS class of 2016 are on track to graduate college within six years.

Suspensions continue to drop considerably.

AP participation is strong but Morgan Barth shared that the pass rate which was lower than what the school had hoped for. They did have some results that they were quite proud of. In particular, the year over year growth in the 2016 and 2017 pass rates for AF World History grew from 20% to 46%. These are

also some of the biggest classes in the school and show that it is possible to get dramatically improved results in a short period of time.

SAT results are 100 points higher than the host district but are still lower than the State average.

Financial Report

The Committee discussed the financials but because there is not quorum, there was no vote.

Board Business

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from May 16, 2017.

The Committee does not have quorum and therefore did not vote.

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy High School Committee hereby approves the financial report as presented.

The Committee does not have quorum and therefore did not vote.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm by Carolyn Greenspan

Motion by Chris Kunhardt

Seconded by Dick Ferguson

All in favor