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**Amistad Academy  
Board of Directors**

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

495 Blake St, New Haven

**I. Call to Order & Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Carolyn Greenspan. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First staff were in attendance:

Carolyn Greenspan - Yes

Caroline Williams - No

Mike Griffin - No

Lorraine Gibbons - Yes

Tim Pavlis - Yes (phone)

Jane Levin - Yes

Carla Seeger - Yes

Pat Sweet - Yes (phone)

Khadijah Muhammad - Yes (phone)

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

Shannon Garfield, AF Network Support - Yes

**Open Session For Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**II. Business**

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from 01/24/18 and 01/30/18.

Motion by Lorraine Gibbons

Seconded by Jane Levin

All in favor

**III. Reports and Discussion**

**Principal Reports**

Katie Poynter shared school culture data that shows progress on key data points.

There are five weeks until the SBAC test. The scholars took their first mock test a few weeks ago. From the results, they could identify which students need an additional supports and in what areas. The goal is to improve 10 percentage points.

The second mock test started today. Katie mentioned the outstanding results that Carla Seeger has gotten in her classes. She teaches 6th grade math.

They have scheduled parents meetings this week for scholars who are at risk of failing.

Sarah Lewis was unable to attend the meeting so Carolyn Greenspan shared a report highlighting strong school culture data (suspensions, attrition), especially when looking year over year. Staff retention is very high with 100% of the Leadership Team returning next year.

### **Joint High School Committee Report**

Jane Levin shared the report from the Amistad HS Committee meeting. 99% of seniors have already received an acceptance to college. Academically, things are going well but they are anticipating the challenge of over-enrollment in the future (unfunded seats, building capacity).

The scholars participated in the March for Our Lives walkout.

### **Board Chair Report**

Carolyn shared that the New Haven Board of Education has designated a representative to join the board.

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors welcomes Mr. Jamell Cotto, New Haven Board of Education designee, pursuant to Section 10-66bb(d) of the Connecticut Education Code and Article IV, Section 3(c) of the bylaws of Amistad Academy; and the Board of Directors does, effective March 21, 2018, set the number of members of the Board of Directors at ten (10), pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the bylaws of Amistad Academy.

Motion by Lorraine Gibbons

Seconded by Jane Levin

All in favor

Shannon Garfield participated in a discussion about the candidacy of Victoria McCall, candidate for Amistad Middle School principal. Carla Seeger also shared her perspective and that of Amistad Middle School.

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves Victoria McCall as the principal of Amistad Middle School effective July 1, 2018.

Motion by Jane Levin

Seconded by Lorraine Gibbons

All in favor

Carla Seeger and Khadijah Muhammad abstained

### **Treasurer Report**

Carolyn Greenspan shared the Treasurer's Report from Mike Griffin. The State did not fund all the seats resulting in a deficit.

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Motion by Lorraine Gibbons

Seconded by Jane Levin

All in favor

#### **IV. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. by Carolyn Greenspan.

Motion by Carla Seeger

Seconded by Lorraine Gibbons

All in favor