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## **Achievement First Bridgeport Academy**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

August 1, 2017, 12:00 pm

AF Network Support

495 Blake St, New Haven, CT

#### **Call to Order & Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm by Chris Kunhardt. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Chris Kunhardt, AFBA Board - Yes

Dick Kalt, AFBA Board - Yes

Marlene Macaуда, AFBA Board - Yes

Debra Hertz, AFBA Board - Yes

Michael Strambler, AFBA Board - Yes

James Bennett, AFBA Board - Yes

Ruben Felipe, AFBA Board - Yes

Heather Watcher, AFBA Board - No

Kimberly Bruce, AFBA Board - Yes

Ebrima Jobe, AFBA Board - Yes

Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

#### **Open Session For Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **Board Business**

RESOLVED, the AF Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from 5/18/17.

Motion by Jim Bennett

Seconded by Dick Kalt

All in favor

RESOLVED, the AF Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors hereby approves Teresa Neff Webster to sign claims for reimbursement of the *ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs*.

Motion by Ebrima Jobe

Seconded by Michael Strambler

All in favor

#### **Discussion**

##### **A. Review 2017 SBAC Data**

The AFBA Board of Directors reviewed AFBA's academic results. AFBA Elementary was #1 in AF CT schools on the SBAC. AFBA Middle School struggled this year which is not a surprise but there is a great deal of optimism for AFBA Middle School with the new principal, Simon Obas. AFBA Middle has suffered with morale and school culture issues. One of Simon Obas's strengths is school culture. Mr. Jobe has

attended the parent meetings at AFBA-Middle and is optimistic with the parents' reaction to Mr. Obas. The first day of school is August 14. Board members are encouraged to go to AFBA-Middle at 7 a.m. to be there to greet the students on the first day.

Choice attrition data is comprised of students who have left the school. This data presented does not include those students who left the school for reasons deemed "acceptable" such as moving out of the state.

AFBA Middle math results are mixed. 5th and 6th graders increased their math results while 7th and 8th graders decreased.

There was discussion on the AFBA Elementary who are participating in Horizons at Sacred Heart this summer. The group expressed an interest in tracking Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) progress.

#### **B. Conflict of Interest and CMO Review**

Board members were asked to review the conflict of interest policy and the CMO Review.

#### **C. Discuss and Set 2017-18 Goals**

The group discussed ideas around board goals:

- Participate in school events
- Support teacher appreciation
- Participate in parent advocacy work
- Help Simon Obas be successful
  - Ask Simon to share his vision & goals at next board meeting
- Principals' Committee (Chris Kunhardt, Debra Hertz, Michael Strambler) will meet before each board meeting
- Social event for teachers and board
- Maintain focus on teacher certification

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm by Chris Kunhardt.

Motion by Ruben Felipe

Seconded by Jim Bennett