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AF Hartford Academy

Board of Directors

Monday, September 9, 2019

305 Greenfield St, Hartford

5:30 pm

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Barry Jacobson. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First staff were in attendance:

Barry Jacobson - Yes

Marshall Ruben - Yes (phone)

Ja Hannah - Yes

Patsy Mundy - Yes

Alice Turner - Yes (phone)

David Dee - Yes

Deborah Prince - No

Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine - Yes

Alberto Vasquez-Matos - No

Endia DeCordova - Yes (phone)

Celina Whitmore - Yes

Raven Obas, AFBA School Leadership - Yes

Emily Wojtusik, AFHA School Leadership - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Public: John Motley

II. Open Session for Public Comment

There was no public comment

III. Approve Minutes

RESOLVED, the AF Hartford Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from July 31, 2019.

Motion by Lisa Tanen-La Fontaine

Seconded by David Dee

All in favor

IV. Reports and Discussions

A. Principal Reports

Emily Wojtusik discussed the SBAC data with the board highlighting grade, subject and cohort level achievement and growth.

Ms. Wojtusik reviewed school culture metrics before discussing the goals and priorities for the

year around student investment. AF has always made a huge push on academics but, Ms. Wojtusik said, “we need to also make sure that kids feel like they want to be in the building.”

Ms. Wojtusik feels that the leadership team is strong and they want to work on ensuring a strong adult culture with high retention and strong org health results.

Ms. Raven Obas reported on the start of the year for AF Hartford Elementary School starting with SBAC results from the prior year. The 4th grade results were likely impacted by the significant backfilling that took place last year. This year they are focused on stronger interventions to support those scholars because they’ve backfilled significantly again and are seeing new scholars in 4th grade reading several years behind grade level.

Parent engagement has been very strong. Attendance is improved over last year. Last year saw a significant dip in suspensions and this year is on track to continue to be strong if not stronger. Enrollment is good with second grade being the only grade with spots to fill.

The entire leadership team came back this year and teacher retention was 88 percent.

B. Joint High School Committee Report

Barry Jacobson gave the High School report from the AF Hartford Joint High School Committee meeting which preceded the board meeting.

He reviewed academic performance from last year (SAT, AP results) and school culture.

C. Chief Financial Officer Report

Victor De La Paz joined the meeting by phone to give an overview of financials, which look good, and enrollment, which is over what was projected.

D. Board Chair Report

RESOLVED, the AF Hartford Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the Family Handbook as presented.

Motion by David Dee

Seconded by Lisa Tanen-La Fontaine

All in favor

RESOLVED, the AF Hartford Academy Board of Directors hereby elects Patsy Mundy to serve as Secretary of the Board.

Motion by Marshall Ruben

Seconded by David Dee
All in favor

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm by Barry Jacobson.

Motion by Lisa Tanen-La Fontaine

Seconded by Marshall Ruben

All in favor