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**Elm City College Preparatory  
Board of Directors**

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

370 James Street, New Haven

5:30 pm

**I. Call to Order & Attendance**

The Elm City College Preparatory Board meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm. 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 - Yes

Stephanie Ma - Yes

Patric Gregory - No

Melinda Hamilton - Yes

Julia Halberstam - Yes

Katie McPollom. ECCP School Leadership - Yes  
(phone)

Andrew Poole, ECCP School Leadership - Yes

Karin Gould, ECCP School Leadership - Yes

Amy D'Angelo, AF Network Support - Yes

Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Elise Major, AF Network Support - Yes

Public: Peter Butler, Chris Peak

**II. Open Session for Public Comment**

A former AF parent spoke with complaints about leadership and accountability.

**III. Approve Minutes**

RESOLVED, the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from September 11, 2019.

Motion by Melinda Hamilton

Seconded by Laura Saverin

All in favor

**IV. Reports and Discussion**

Andrew Poole, Elm City College Prep Elementary School Principal, reported on school culture metrics, student activities and the organizational health survey, taken by staff. Scholars have not yet taken interim assessments (IA). The board requested to receive IA results when available.

As the staff, families and board are all aware, the proposed K-8 consolidation is being addressed at a series of open forums with Dacia Toll and other senior leaders. There is a feeling of unease and uncertainty regarding the final plan, but overall the process has been transparent and feedback is being gathered.

Mr. Poole discussed ways in which the school is trying to figure out how to develop student character, with tailored social-emotional learning and impactful morning meetings.

Katie McPollom, Elm City College Preparatory Middle School Principal, reviewed school culture metrics and the school's progress toward internal goals. Ms. McPollom discussed the proposed consolidation, academic results, and organizational health survey results.

#### **V. Executive Session**

The board entered into Executive Session at 6:35pm to discuss the performance review of the principals with the Regional Superintendent, Amy D'Angelo. Motion by Melinda Hamilton. Seconded by Prish Pierce. The board exited executive session at 7:33 pm.

#### **VI. Treasurer Report**

Laura Saverin gave the financial report on year-to-date financials and the balance sheet.

RESOLVED, the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby approves the financial report as presented.

Motion by Melinda Hamilton  
SecondED by Genevive Walker  
All in favor

#### **VII. Amistad Joint High School Committee Report**

Dick Ferguson gave a report from the Amistad High School Committee meeting which preceded the Elm City board meeting.

#### **VIII. Elect new directors**

Genevive Walker reported on prospective board member. They are working on scheduling a follow up meeting. Sarah Blanton reported that the efforts to identify a teacher representative from Amistad High have stalled. The board discussed looking into finding a teacher representative Elm City Elementary or Middle School. Sarah will follow up with Amy D'Angelo.

#### **IX. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm by Dick Ferguson.

Motion by Melinda Hamilton  
Second by Prish Pierce