

**Elm City College Preparatory
Board of Directors**

580 Dixwell Ave, New Haven

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

5:30 pm

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 pm by Dick Ferguson. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First staff were in attendance:

Richard Ferguson - Yes

Laura Saverin - Yes

Genevive Walker - Yes

Melinda Hamilton - Yes

Stephanie Ma - Yes (phone)

Prish Pierce - Yes

Patric Gregory - No

Julia Halberstam - Yes (phone)

Andrew Poole, ECCP School Leadership - Yes (phone)

Katie McPollom, ECCP School Leadership - Yes (phone)

Amy D'Angelo, AF Network Support - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes

Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes

Connor McGann, AF Network Support - Yes

Public: Chris Peak

II. Open session for public comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approve Minutes

RESOLVED, the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from January 14, 2020.

Motion by Prish Pierce

Seconded by Laura Saverin

All in favor

IV. Reports and Discussion

A. Principal Reports

Andrew Poole shared that they have had a strong start since coming back from break.

They had their first ever Grand Ball which was intended to honor the scholars and someone they feel is special to them. Scholars created personalized invitations and hundreds of people were in attendance. The school is considering ways to replicate the success of this event at

other parent events.

Shanice Adams has been visiting the school regularly to meet with leadership team members and staff.

Dick requested that Sarah Blanton share the interim assessment results with the board when they become available.

Katie McPollom shared that ECCP Middle had a similar narrative to ECCP Elementary. In January, they did a culture reset which has led to a much more positive school feeling, more consistent, predictable classes. Ms. McPollom discussed academics, interventions and support, teacher planning time, as well as school social events, including a recent Friday night reading party and plans for Black History Month.

Amy D'Angelo expressed that both principals are prioritizing a smooth transition from this school year to the next.

Dick indicated they're looking for a teacher representative from the Elementary or Middle school. They're also looking for a Parent Representative.

B. Executive Session

The board entered executive session to discuss principal performance at 6:17 pm. Motion by Laura Saverin. Second by Genevive Walker. The board exited executive session at 6:31 pm. Motion by Genevive Walker. Seconded by Prish Pierce.

C. Joint High School Committee Report

Dick provided a quick recap of the High School Committee Report. Simon Obas discussed college acceptances, SAT plans for the junior class, staffing and school culture. Mr. Obas shared that his focus for next year is to deepen conceptual and critical thinking.

D. Treasurer Report

Laura shared the financial report and the audit which issued a clean report, no findings and an unmodified opinion.

Victor De La Paz reported that the middle school building should be on the market as of last week.

RESOLVED, the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby approves the financial

report as presented.

Motion by Genevive Walker
Seconded by Melinda Hamilton
All in favor

RESOLVED, the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby accepts the report of the independent auditors CohnReznick prepared in relation to the fiscal year ending 6/30/19.

Motion by Melinda Hamilton
Seconded by Genevive Walker
All in favor

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm by Dick Ferguson.

Motion by Laura Saverin
Seconded by Prish Pierce
All in favor