Amistad Academy
Joint High School Committee Meeting
Zoom Video Conference
Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 4:00 pm

I. Call to Order and Attendance
The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Jane Levin. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Carolyn Greenspan, Amistad Board - Yes
Jane Levin, Amistad Board - Yes
Jennifer Alexander, Amistad Board - Yes
Richard Ferguson, ECCP Board - Yes
Laura Saverin, ECCP Board - Yes
Julie Halberstam, ECCP Board - Yes
Dick Kalt, AFBA Board - Yes
Kimberly Bruce, AFBA Board - Yes
Michael Strambler - AFBA Board - No
Simon Obas, Amistad HS Principal
Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support
Ken Paul, AF Network Support

Public: Julie Hajducky, Peter Butler

II. Open Session for Public Comment
There was no public comment.

III. School Report
Mr. Simon Obas updated the Committee on the organizational health data and shared how proud he is of his team. Amistad High School had the highest results of all AF high schools and also outperformed many of the middle and elementary schools.

Mr. Obas shared the college updates including overall applications submitted and the results of early decision. There is a small group of students for whom the 4-year college acceptance graduation requirement is being waived.

Senior Signing Day is still going to happen although is it likely to be remote.

Mr. Obas shared that the leadership team is working on figuring out strategies to support kids who are struggling academically. The team is working on creating priorities for the third and fourth quarter to focus on figuring out ways to get kids engaged.
Mr. Obas updated the board on teacher certification and staff retention. The leadership team all plans to return for the 2021-22 school year. The intent to return surveys will go to staff in the near future so Mr. Obas will have a sense of retention and the hiring he will need to do for next year.

Ms. Jane Levin praised Mr. Obas for his hard work. She also shared that financially, the high school is breaking even.

IV. **Board Business**
RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from November 4, 2020.
   - Motion by Carolyn Greenspan
   - Seconded by Dick Ferguson
   - All in favor

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Joint High School Committee hereby approves the financial report as presented.
   - Motion by Dick Kalt
   - Seconded by Jennifer Alexander
   - All in favor

V. **Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm by Jane Levin.
   - Motion by Dick Ferguson
   - Seconded by Julia Halberstam
   - All in favor