



**MINUTES**  
**Amistad Academy**  
**Joint High School Committee Meeting**

Venue: Zoom

Zoom: <https://achievementfirst.zoom.us/j/85398929613>

Monday, May 22, 2023, 4:30-5:30 pm

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Lorraine Gibbons at 4:34 pm.

Attendees

The following Committee members were in attendance, constituting a quorum:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>Present</b>
Jennifer Alexander	N	Kimberly Bruce	N
Lorraine Gibbons	Y	Dick Ferguson	Y
Yashira Agosto	Y	Laura Saverin	Y
Dick Kalt	Y	Prish Pierce	N
Michael Strambler	Y		

AF Staff: Sulafa Bashir, Simon Obas, Rod Bowen

**II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**III. Discussion**

A. School Report

Mr. Simon Obas gave the HS principal report sharing some end of year celebrations and inviting the committee members to senior signing day and graduation, the dates of which were included in the board packages.



Mr. Obas shared that seniors had had their last day of school but were still required to have weekly check-ins with counselors as they prepared for college or started various summer programs and work opportunities.

Mr. Obas also shared some highlights from staff appreciation week and shared that most staff will be returning for the coming school year and that departing staff were generally those who were relocating outside of CT.

Committee members asked questions about staffing levels and Mr. Obas said that he was primarily concerned about STEM vacancies.

Ms. Saverin shared that the finance committee will be meeting later in the week to discuss various topics including fiscal and procurement policies and the budget for SY 24. She shared that the budget was expected to be a breakeven budget.

#### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

It was:

RESOLVED that the Amistad Academy Joint HS Committee hereby approves the meeting minutes from January 18, 2023.

Motion by: Dick Ferguson  
Second by: Dick Kalt  
All in Favor.

#### **V. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Lorraine Gibbons at 4:52 pm.