



UTOPIAN
ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS

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December 11, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting type: In Person

Attendees: Sharon Daniel (Board Chairwoman)
Michael Oby (Board Vice Chair)
Anthony Bryant (Board Treasurer)
Aquannette Salter (Board Secretary)
Artesius Miller (Executive Director)
Reginald Colbert

Meeting Called to Order at (6:00 PM)

Approval of Agenda

The Board Vice Chair made a motion to adjust the agenda to include an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Motion to accept agenda with change by Anthony Bryant. Seconded by Aquannette Salter

Words of Inspiration by Artesius Miller

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by board chair, Sharon Daniel

Approval of Minutes

Minutes read by Aquannette Salter

Motion by Reginald Colbert to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Anthony Bryant.

Financial Report

Financial report provided by Anthony Bryant.

Motion by Aquannette Salter to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Reginald Colbert.

Executive Director's Report

- **Enrollment**
 - 171 students to date enrolled
 - Recruitment efforts
 - Elite scholars waiting list; cold calls will be conducted from the list provided
- **School Visitors**
 - Georgia Power Foundation
 - Chief Operation Officer, Clayton County
 - Chief Economic Development Officer, Clayton County
 - Executive Director, Arts Clayton
 - Brandi Harvey



- Chief Operating Officer, Operation HOPE

Public Relations

- Atlanta Magazine will be highlighting charter schools as the educational topic for the January 2015 issue. Utopian has been selected as the focus charter school. Sample highlights include the school's journey to authorization, struggles to open in August, and statistics of charter schools in Georgia. (There is an anticipated 10-15 page article)

Local Celebrity Guests:

- The Ludacris Foundation has adopted Utopian as one of 3 organizations to be included in the foundation's portfolio... A discussion regarding the Foundation's support is forthcoming.

Instructional Update

- TKES observations are underway and to date, teachers have received both formal and informal observations.
- There has been a new remediation block implemented to address skilled based deficiencies of students.

Upcoming Events

- PTA meeting will be held Tuesday December 19th and will include a variety show.
- Autumn Social and Meet and Greet are in the works..... logistics with regard to date and time are forthcoming

Motion made by Aquanette Salter to accept the Executive Director's report. Seconded by Reginald Colbert.

New Business/Announcements

- Educational Partnership Agreement with the University of Georgia. Drafted agreement was provided to board for review by Artesius Miller.
- An unsolicited fundraising proposal from an independent fundraiser was provided by Artesius Miller for board review.

Public Comment

No board meeting attendees signed up for public comment.

Motion made by Michael Oby to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Seconded by Reginald Colbert.

Motion to close executive session

Anthony Bryant made a motion to close executive session; Reginald seconded.

Adjournment (8:01pm)

Aquanette made a motion for the board meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Reginald Colbert.