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**September 8, 2016**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting type: In Person

Attendees: Sharon Daniel (Board Chairwoman)  
Anthony Bryant  
Joseph Hudson  
Artesius Miller (Executive Director)  
Dr. Holley Johnson (Dean of Curriculum)  
Melissa Davis

### **Meeting Called to Order (6:05 PM)**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by *Board Chair*.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to amend agenda to add the following by Joseph Hudson:

- Recommendation for new board member
- Comprehensive Framework adoption

Motion to approve agenda by *Joseph Hudson*

Seconded by *Anthony Bryant*.

Unanimous vote.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes read aloud by Governing Board Chair, Sharon Daniel.

Motion to approve minutes from August 18, 2016 meeting by *Joseph Hudson*

Seconded by *Anthony Bryant*.

Unanimous vote.

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

Motion to accept the recommendation of Joanne McClinton as a new board member by *Joseph Hudson*

Seconded by *Anthony Bryant*.

Unanimous vote.

Consent agenda read aloud by Joseph Hudson

Motion to approve and adopt the "Consent Agenda Policy" by *Anthony Bryant*

Seconded by *Joanne McClinton*.

Unanimous vote.

Motion to approve and adopt the "Field Trip Policy" by *Joseph Hudson*

Seconded by *Anthony Bryant*.

Unanimous vote.



Motion to approve and adopt the “Comprehensive Performance Framework” by *Joseph Hudson*  
Seconded by *Anthony Bryant*.  
Unanimous vote.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Strategic Plan Update**

Mr. Hudson thanks stakeholders that participated in strategic planning meetings. The strategic plan draft currently includes 13 pages of narrative, with a single page that includes the model. Proposed strategic plan will be complete by October 2016 meeting.

### **Academic Report**

Dean Johnson shared overview of Fall MAP testing results, the first of three testing administrations for the 2016-17 school year. It was also indicated that norms vary per each testing window. National and Utopian norms were the following:

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Results:

Math: 217.6 National, 205 Utopian

Reading: 211 National, 198 Utopian

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Math: 222 National , 212 Utopian

Reading: 214 National, 205 Utopian

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Math: 226 National, 218 Utopian

Reading: 217 National, 211 Utopian

Data from the MAP assessment will be compared against 2015-16 Milestones data. Additionally, 4 ½ week grades will be used as a third comparison. Dean Johnson and Principal Jimerson-Johnson will also begin to share test taking strategies with students.

USA Test Prep will be used to determine 2016-17 baseline data for the subjects of science and social studies.

### **Financial Report**

Mr. Bryant shared with board and stakeholders that audit is currently underway. An additional loan request from Charter Asset Management has been tabled.

### **ED Report**

Report was provided by Director Miller.

Director Miller shared with board members and meeting attendees updates regarding the following areas: enrollment, partnerships and programming, financial/fundraising, facilities, trainings/conferences/webinars, GA DOE/SCSC reporting, operations, staffing, State Charter Schools Commission updates.

### **Operational Report**

Mrs. Davis shared schoolwide operational updates including : technology, nutrition program, title programs, finance.

### **Announcements**

PTSA/PTO President Mrs. Deetra Poindexter shared a variety of upcoming events.



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Mr. Hudson requested that for the upcoming board work session that Diamond McNulty and Dr. Melvin Foster are invited to attend and be recommended to serve on advisory council. The following policies have been identified to be reviewed at the October meeting: whistleblower and ethics policy.

**Public Comment**

- Mrs. Pizzaro: Will there be an application for the lunch program? Will the buses be used for field trips solely, or also to transport students to school everyday?

**Executive Session**

There was a motion by *Joseph Hudson* to enter executive session for real estate. Seconded by *Anthony Bryant*.

**Adjournment (7:47pm)**

*Joseph Hudson* motioned for the board meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by *Joanne McClinton*.