



Minutes
Wilmington Preparatory Academy
Board of Directors Meeting-July 24, 2017
Location: Wilmington Preparatory Academy Gymnasium-Room 112

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Valerie Galloway

In attendance-Voting Members: Valerie Galloway, Ramona Ragin, Yolanda Rhodes, and William Caton.

Voting Members not present: Martha Terault

Non-Voting members present: Kevin Johnson.

Non-Voting members not present: Mary Rusher.

Guests: Shannon Hinely (teacher), Deborah Ziglar (teacher), and Amy Woodcock (teacher).

Mission Statement: The Academy's mission statement was read by Yolanda Rhodes.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Valerie Galloway to approve the agenda, second by William Caton, all in favor, so adapted.

Approval of Minutes: May minutes were reviewed. The motion to approve May minutes was made by William Caton, second by Valerie Galloway, all in favor, so adapted. June minutes were then reviewed. Motion made by Ramona Ragin to approve June minutes, second by Yolanda Rhodes, all in favor, so adapted.

Finance Report: Due to school transportation issues, Mary Rusher was called out to assist and is unable to attend to give the financial report.

Dean's Report: (see attached) Motion to accept Dean's Report by Valerie Galloway, second by Ramona Ragin, all in favor, so adapted.

Public Comments Policy Update: Valerie Galloway presented proposed policy addendum to the board for review and discussion. The addendum will be edited and voted upon at the next board meeting.

Public Comments: (Maximum 3 minutes per speaker): Deborah Ziglar expressed concerns regarding the school's extended year and days. She suggested to change school from year-round to traditional school year and days. Shannon Hinely expressed her desire to have a Student Council but is unsure of fundraising regulations. Also spoke of concerns with the library set-up. A discussion followed.



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2017-18 Enrollment: Kevin Johnson informed the board that we are currently under the target number of students projected. The Academy is in need of Kindergarten students. Strategic marketing plan discussed.

School Update: Kevin Johnson stated that the Wi-Fi is not functioning properly and the work to rewire and revamp hotspots has been contracted out. I-Ready/NCCEES will begin operating. All benchmark items will be pulled from Schoolnet. Picnic area and play area update is now complete. The Board discussed creating a half court during fall break. The motion to move forward with the half court if finances allows was made by Valerie Galloway, second by Ramona Ragin, all in favor, so adapted.

Other Business: Direct Deposit discussed for educators pay. Kevin Johnson and Valerie Galloway will set-up.

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm was made by Valerie Galloway, second by William Caton, all in favor.



WILMINGTON PREPARATORY ACADEMY

DEAN'S REPORT

July 24, 2017

ENROLLMENT

Approximate Student Enrollment 140

Enrollment on the first day of school 120

WPA UPDATE

- WPA teaching staff participates in CPR training on July 17, 2017.
- Tuesday July 18, 2017 was parent/student orientation and uniform sale.
- The first day of school for the 2017-18 school year was Thursday July 20, 2017.
- On July 21, 2017 K-4 students were invited to an ice-cream social, while 5-8 grade students were invited to a Skate party/Social at Jelly Beans Skate Center.

UPCOMING DATES

- Beginning Teachers training will be held on Thursday August 3, 2017.
- Third grade Beginning of Grade (BOG) reading test will be administered on Tuesday, August 8, 2017.
- On August 16, 2017 WPA will host the regional RAC meeting.
- Progress Reports will be sent home on August 23, 2017.
- School-wide parent/teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, August 24 from 4:00pm-6:00pm.
- Our annual Book Fair will be held during the week of August 21-25, 2017.