



Minutes
Wilmington Preparatory Academy
Board of Directors Meeting-May 15, 2017
Location: Wilmington Preparatory Academy Gymnasium-Room 112

Meeting called to order at 6:13pm by Valerie Galloway

In attendance-Voting Members: Valerie Galloway, Ramona Ragin, William Caton, and Martha Terault (via phone).

Voting Members not present: Yolanda Rhodes

Non-Voting members present: Kevin Johnson and Mary Rusher.

Guests: Mary Porter (staff member), Deborah Ziglar (teacher), Kelly Fussell (teacher), Valerie Porter (parent), Charisse Stephens (guest)

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Valerie Galloway to approve the agenda, second by Ramona Ragin, all in favor, so adopted.

Mission Statement: The Academy's mission statement was read by Ramona Ragin.

Approval of Minutes: April Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes was made by Valerie Galloway, second by Ramona Ragin, all in favor, so adopted.

Finance Report: Mary Rusher gave overview of financial status of WPA. Net Revenue is on target as projected at this time. Motion to accept financial report was made by Valerie Galloway, second by William Caton, all in favor, so adopted.

Dean's Report: (see attached)

Public Comments: (Maximum 3 minutes per speaker): Valerie Porter, parent of students attending WPA, alleged that Ramona Ragin verbally assaulted her child. Said it was witnessed by neighbors with one being present, Charisse Stephen.

Charisse Stephen, neighbor of Valerie Porter, gave a verbal account of what she witnessed between Ramona Ragin and the child of Valerie Porter. She stated that she is also an educator and could not fathom someone representing a school would behave in the alleged manner.

Deborah Ziglar stated her concerns about phonics low testing and suggested we consider purchasing a program one of her former colleagues utilizes called Foundations Kit. She also, asked about plans for tutoring.



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Kelly Fussell asked if the board knew when the Letters of Intent would be addressed. She also stated that she was monitoring the website and felt as if the minutes were not being posted in a reasonable amount of time.

Office of Charter Schools Board Minutes Review: Discussed comments for improvement made by NCDPI. Board secretary will ensure that we include the suggestions made. Valerie Galloway will ensure that all action items be addressed.

School Update: EOG practice tests have been administered. Graduation practice time is being worked on by the graduation committee. Wi-Fi working well but hotspots are down at this time. Feel this may be reason for practice tests low scores. Library grant received. Currently continuing conversation and planning of location for library.

Other Business: None at this time.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:55pm, second by William Caton, all in favor.

Closed Session: Due to time restraints, closed session will convene tomorrow May 16, 2017 at 5:30pm.



WILMINGTON PREPARATORY ACADEMY

DEAN'S REPORT

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ENROLLMENT

Current Student Enrollment	128
New Enrollment	None
Withdrawals	None

WPA UPDATE

- EOG practice (Mock Exams) for grades three through eight were held throughout the week of April 25-27, 2017.
- The week of May 1-5, 2017 was celebrated as National Teacher Appreciation Week. The Booster Club along with the Academy provided the teachers with special treats throughout the course of the week.
- The week of May 8-12, 2017 was celebrated as Science Fair Week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- On May 24, 2017 WPA will provide training for all EOG Test Administrators. The following day, training will be provided for EOG proctors.
- WPA's EOG Prep Rally will be held on Friday, May 26, 2017.
- EOG exams for ALL students will be administered the week of June 5-9, 2017. All students that will be tested will be provided with a healthy breakfast each morning of testing.
- Graduation ceremony for Kindergarten, fifth, and eighth grade students will be held on Friday, June 16, 2017 at the Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church. This is also the last day of school for students. Daniel Seamans from WWAY Channel 3 will be the guest speaker at our graduation.