



Minutes
Wilmington Preparatory Academy
Board of Directors Meeting-May 16, 2024
Location: 134 Cinema Drive, Wilmington NC 28403

In attendance-Voting Members: Carlette Grissett, Yolanda Rhodes, Valerie Galloway and Ramona Ragin (via phone).

Non-Voting members present: Kevin Johnson and Mary Rusher (via phone).

Guest: DuWayne Clark, Dominik Williams and James Galloway.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Valerie Galloway.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Johnson.

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 Yolanda Rhodes, all in favor, so adapted.

Approval of Minutes Motion to approve April minutes was made Valerie Galloway, second by Yolanda Rhodes, all in favor, so adapted.

Public Comments: (Maximum 3 minutes per speaker): DuWayne Clark and Dominik Williams expressed their concerns about their son, who is a 7th grade student. They feel as if there was limited communication between them and the 7th grade teacher, Mrs. Harris. They expressed their concerns with some of the comments made by Mrs. Harris that caused them to feel as if their child had been let down. Mrs. Harris stated to them that the class in general did not receive what they needed before they came to 7th grade. They stated that they never had a teacher/parent conference to be made aware of their child's struggles and they noticed a change in his enthusiasm to come to school. Although he passed, he feels as if he didn't meet his expectations. They hired an outside tutor from UNCW and were not provided with a curriculum to be able to focus on areas needed when asked of Mrs. Harris. After discussing their disappointment and concern, they both stated how they love and support WPA. DuWayne stated that he had a few referrals for new students.

Finance Report: The finance report was tabled after Mary Rusher and Ramona Ragin shared statements concerning board operations.



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Dean's Report: Kevin Johnson presented the Dean's Report (see attached).

Charter Renewal Feedback Required Actions: Upon review and discussion, the motion to accept the WPA Parent Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA), was made by Valerie Galloway, second by Carlette Grissett, all in favor, so approved.

School Update: 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Ziglar will be retiring.

Other Business: Board of director training discussed. After discussion the board decided to have board training videos along with other methods of training beginning with our next scheduled board meeting.

Closed Session: Motion was made by Valerie Galloway and second by Yolanda Rhodes to move to closed session to discuss information received by parents in reference to Mrs. Harris, all in favor. Board went into closed session at 7:45pm. Closed session ends at 8:05pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.



WILMINGTON PREPARATORY ACADEMY

DEAN'S REPORT

May 16, 2024

ENROLLMENT

Current Student Enrollment	93
New Enrollment	None
Withdrawals	7

WPA UPDATE

- WPA Book Blast kicks off on Monday April 22, 2024.
- Practice EOGs were administered April 30- May 3, 2024.
- The week of May 6-10, 2024 was celebrated as National Teacher Appreciation Week. The Academy provided the teachers with special treats throughout the course of the week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- WPA's Middle School Dance will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024.
- On May 22, 2024 WPA will be providing training for all EOG Test Administrators.
- WPA's EOG Prep Rally will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024.
- EOG exams for ALL students will be administered the week of June 4-7, 2024. 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 14, 2024 at Cape Fear Community College-Union Station. This will also be the last day of school for students.