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Board of Trustees - Open Board Meeting – June 16, 2011

Board Members in Attendance: Mr. Kevin Stephenson, Mrs. Jewel Goodman; Mrs. Clara Duhon, Treasurer; and Mrs. Valerie Grant

Board Members Excused: Mrs. Chrystal Jones, President and Board Chair; Mr. Keith Reed, Co-Chair; Dr. Carla Bailey; Dr. LaTonya Henderson; Dr. Talmadge Williams; Mrs. Tiffany Aziz; and Mr. Tracey Proctor

Others in Attendance: Mr. Stiles Simmons, CAO; Mr. Tracey Johnson, COO; Ms. Usha Jayanthi, CFO; Dr. Latrice Hicks, Principal – Main; Dr. Nicole Garcia, Principal - PABC; Mr. Claude Presley, Principal - MLK; Mrs. Shelly Jallow, Director of Curriculum, Mosaica; Mr. Roger Gray, Senior V.P. Mosaica

Mr. Kevin Stephenson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes

The April 21, 2011 revised minutes and May 19, 2011 minutes were presented for approval. There being no quorum the minutes were referred for approval to the July, 2011 meeting.

Special Presentation/Performance

Mr. Simmons reported that the Heads of Schools were giving special presentations and opened the floor. Dr. Garcia welcomed Ms. Chase and the PABC Kindergarten patriot singers. Dr. Hicks introduced Mrs. Curtis and the performers representing the Main Campus. A slide show was provided about “Africa to America” as part of the curricula Paragon showing the 53 countries and its culture in an effort to teach ancestry. A drum and bongo dance performance was given by the six grade students. Mr. Presley presented the Middle School students production of “Speak like a President”.

Approval of Minutes

There being no quorum, the April and May minutes were deferred for approval to be brought back to the July 21, 2011 meeting.

Financial Report

All items up for vote were deferred due to there being no formal quorum. Mr. Gray gave a narrative summary of revenue recap and expenditures for the May 2011 financial statements.

HOS's Report

PABC Campus

Dr. Garcia reported on the monthly activities for the PABC Campus. She noted that a test pilot is being conducted for the PBS grant pertaining to Early Childhood, PreSchool and PreK to test software.

Dr. Garcia mentioned that PABC is partnering with the Center for Student Support Services. She also stated that the Pennsylvania Avenue Church will be training some mentors to foster relationships with the church.

Main Campus

Dr. Hicks shared the events related to the close out of parent engagement event and activities. She stated that a curriculum assessment and Guided Reading is being used focusing on aligning curriculum to common core standards.

Middle School Campus

Mr. Presley highlighted activities of the Middle School campus. He gave background information about the job finance initiative. Mr. Presley stated that a video is available to Board members of student performances.

COO Report

Mr. Johnson gave a monthly status report on operational issues and the HR audit.

CAO Report

Mr. Simmons reported on common core standards. He gave current enrollment numbers and targets and stated that there is a full waiting list. He stated that advertisement will continue for enrollment until September, 2011.

Mosaica

Ms. Jallow reported that the national office is broadening their concentration on areas of expansion of equipment and the HR, Education and IT departments to bring more focus to the school and assist in reaching the school's goals. She noted that the National office continues to be steadfast in HRA's facility needs and that Ms. Jallow and Mr. Simmons will work together during this process. Dr. Henderson asked that someone reach out to Dr. Porter on this issue.

Mrs. Duhon reported that a HR Financial Committee has been established consisting of Mrs. Duhon, Mr. Simmons, Mrs. Jayanthi and Mr. Gray to determine the direction to go and how to assist the Board overall. Mrs. Duhon asked that responses to financial issues be returned to Mrs. Delk to track. Discussion was held about budget positions and items being brought to the Financial Committee.

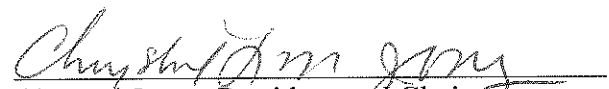
Summer school start date is July 5, 2011. The DC Rooted and Literacy and the Oasis Program will be at the Middle School campus.

Public Comment

The Board received questions during Open Comment and the responses will be given at the next open meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.


Chrystal Jones, President and Chair


Jewel Goodman, Board Secretary