

Draft Minutes

Amistad High School Committee

Agenda

Wednesday, September 17, 2014, 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

403 James Street, New Haven

**I. Call to Order & Attendance**

The meeting was called to order by Caroline Williams, Director, at 4:39 p.m.

The following directors and staff were in attendance:

Lorraine Gibbons, AA Board - Yes	Carolyn Greenspan, ECCP Board - Yes
Caroline Williams, AA Board - Yes	Patricia Pierce, ECCP Board - Yes
Melinda Hamilton, AA Board - No	William Heins, ECCP Board - No
Andrew Lachman, AA Board - No	Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes
Max Perez, AFBA Board - Yes	Michael Kerin, AF Network Support - Yes
Andrew Boas, AFBA Board - No	Ken Paul, AF Network Support - Yes
Cornelius Medas, AFBA Board - No	Robyn Silverman, AF Network Support - Yes
Richard Ferguson, ECCP Board - Yes	Chris Bostock, School Leadership - Yes

**II. Committee Discussion**

A. Confirm 2014-16 Meeting Dates/Discuss Location

**III. Board Business**

A. Approve May 28, 2014 Minutes

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Amistad High School Committee hereby approves the 5/28/14 Meeting Minutes as drafted.

Moved by: Caroline Williams  
Seconded by: Patricia Pierce  
All In Favor

B. Financial Report

Ms. Laura Saverin presented the financial report and explained the details of a balanced budget and full enrollment. She clarified that Achievement First does not have 100% transparency of the New Haven Magnet School Lottery. Ms. Saverin reported that the audit conducted by CohnReznick is on schedule and should be completed on time. Ms. Saverin also shared that CohnReznick will conduct the audit for Achievement First's New York academies as well.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Amistad High School Committee hereby accepts the financial report as presented.

Moved by: Carolyn Greenspan  
Seconded by: Dick Ferguson  
All In Favor

#### **IV. Principal Report (Chris Bostock)**

Mr. Chris Bostock, Principal of Amistad High School, reported on the start of the school year at Amistad Academy High School. Mr. Bostock shared that in order to make the 2014-15 school year the best year at Amistad, the leadership team is conducting real time coaching for all teachers and specifically for those teachers who are struggling.

In addition to rigorous academic goals, Mr. Bostock shared that the school is working towards its eight week culture vision in the classrooms to set the tone for the entire year. He noted that the school feels a sense of urgency to move further faster towards achieving their culture goals. Mr. Bostock shared that suspensions are down from last year's rate of 15% at the beginning of the school year to .09% on September 11, 2014. Teachers and leaders are making sure students are in the classroom.

Mr. Bostock stated that Amistad High School's 440 students and staff are ready to move into the new building in January, 2015. Mr. Bostock is looking forward to the welcome ceremony.

#### **V. Facilities Report (Michael Kerin)**

Mr. Michael Kerin, Director of Facilities, provided the facilities report. He shared that project at the new building is going well. He confirmed that the construction will be substantially complete by the end of October providing the necessary time for the Operations team to ready the building for student and teacher use in January. Mr. Kerin stated that the preparation for the turf field will occur over the next 3-4 weeks.

Mr. Kerin passed around photos of the construction at the High School building, taken today.

Mr. Kerin confirmed that Achievement First purchased a comprehensive insurance policy for the building construction and that the contingency funds have not been used. Mr. Kerin stated that the project may potentially end under budget.

Mr. Kerin described the murals throughout the building. One will be located on the outside of the building lining the gymnasium and will include civil rights leaders. Other murals will include latino civil rights leaders, Amistad Academy's seal, and a living mural of rotating college seals. The cafeteria's mural will display Amistad's core values.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m. by Carolyn Greenspan