



IVY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Public Charter Schools of Excellence

Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday, March 15, 2018 , 7:15 PM
Gwinnett Campus

Welcome and Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by chair, Jason Allen, at 7:18pm.

Board Members Present: Allen, Lucas, Shepherd, Grey

Board Members Absent: Tate, Epps

Network Staff Attendees: Cromartie, Sharp, Cole, Harris, Richardson, Croom, Nichols

Summary of Actions:

- Joining of Boards: Motion by Grey Seconded by Shepherd
- Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Lucas, Seconded by Grey. Unanimous vote.
 - Amended to remove Student Presentation, removal Grievance, Attendance Policies (and Mandatory Reporting Policy.
- Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes with the the amendment of the date change by Shepherd, Seconded by Grey .

Executive Director's Report

- Today was Charter Advocacy Day at the Capitol. Ivy was well represented. Some of the scholars were able to be introduced from the House floor.
- On last week scholars from both school were able to attend "A Wrinkle in Time". Tickets and snacks were provided by community partners and anonymous donors.
- Alisha and the counselor at Gwinnett are working on a transition plan for scholars at Gwinnett.

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- The Kirkwood Lottery was held on March 9th. There were over 500 applications submitted for the lottery.
- The current communications policy was presented to clarify the process.
- We did not move forward with amending the Kirkwood charter to provide Gwinnett scholars to attend. Mrs. Cromartie and the Gwinnett network are planning to have meetings with each individual family to help with their transition process.
- Gwinnett Academic presentation was made by Dr. Hawkins (current interim principal of Gwinnett).
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Public Comment

1. **Jacob Cole (Director of Operations and Communications)** - provided an overview of role and responsibilities and has given the history of Ivy. Is officially giving his notice.
2. Wendy Baldwin: has a lot of questions and concerns about communication between the current parents and school/network leadership. Gwinnett parents were not given information about the Advocacy Day until the day before. Gwinnett scholars that did not attend were not able to attend school. School was closed today.
3. Tamara Humphrey: would like clarification about what the process is going to be for Gwinnett scholars. Will they have first priority for attending Kirkwood?
4. Donica Parson: Is very upset about her experience at Ivy.
5. FM: Currently has two scholars here at Ivy. Last year her daughters were happy and engaged. This year the scholars are not engaged. Her sixth grade daughter has applied to another school and was denied because her grades were too low. Her daughter a current scholar also spoke about

Committee Reports

- **Governance**
 - Board changes. Two board members recently resigned due other obligations. We are making changes to the current structure to change to work as committee as whole to ensure that everyone is hearing the same thing at the same time. There are currently multiple communication challenges across the network.
 - Motion to approve the new proposed board structure by Lucas . Second by Grey. Unanimous vote.
 - Promotion and Retention Policy has been received and reviewed. Will be moved to committee for revisions.
- **Academic**
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- **Finance**
 - Financial report by CFO
- **Executive**
 - We are looking to expand our current board to bring in a variety of experience and skills for the upcoming year.

Announcement of Next Meeting Date

Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7:15pm, Kirkwood Campus

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by . Seconded by .

Kimberly J. Lucas, Board Secretary

Date