



Board of Directors Meeting | Meeting Minutes | May 25, 2021

Date: May 25, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM CST

Location: Virtual via Zoom:

<https://distinctiveschools-org.zoom.us/j/98163972204?pwd=NVoxV0ZGM01ncng4clFSMxMvYy9oQT09>

Call to order 6:04 pmCT

- I. Roll Call
- II. **Board Members Present:** Matthew Williams, Jr., Wanda Blair Murphy, Linda Lee, Clayton Harris III *joined at 6:53pmCT*, Bob Perez *joined at 7:02pmCT*
- III. **Board Members Absent:** N/A
- IV. **Others Present:** Tamara Brown, Charles Johnson, Highmark Team
- V. **Distinctive Schools:** Monique Langston, Kara May, Jeff Donoghue, Mike Rohde, Erin Lanoue, Scott Frauenheim, Katie O'Connor, Eric Dailey, Marcus Hardaway

Agenda Item	Purpose	Individual Responsible
Approval of Agenda	<p>Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to approve the May 25, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda made by Wanda Murphy and seconded Linda Lee.• Motion passed 3-0 <p>Agenda approved</p>	Matthew Williams, Jr.
Approval of March 23, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motion to approve the March 23, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes made by Wanda Murphy and seconded by Linda Lee. <p>Motion passed 3-0</p>	Matthew Williams, Jr.
Public Comment on Agenda Items	None	Matthew Williams, Jr.
Management Updates	<p>Director's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DS Summer Camp: AIM will host DS Summer Camp to rebuild a sense of community and provide opportunities for enrichment and exploration. Eight courses will be offered including multimedia art, wellness, basketball, spoken word, drumming, and more. Families will have an opportunity to register later this month. Some classes will be open to newly enrolled students for the 21/22 school year.	Distinctive Schools/Art in Motion

- **Summer Programming Coordinator:** Our Summer Learning pathways facilitated the need for a Summer Learning Coordinator. This internal position was posted and will be paid a stipend. Our co-coordinators will work collaboratively with teachers, parents, students, and administrators to implement all Summer Learning pathways and programming. Their planning will begin on this Friday.
- **Transition to Semester-Long Courses:** In partnership with Summit Learning, AIM will transition from a year-long scope to a semester based scope and sequence for all in English, Math, History, and Science. The course content, goals, and learning objectives remain the same. The change incorporates teacher and student feedback to increase student engagement and support on-track performance as well as support mid-year schedule/teacher changes. Students will continue to have an opportunity to retake an assessment, demonstrate mastery, and resubmit project work to improve a grade.
- **Arts Planning:** The Arts Team kicked off a design series to identify arts programming for 21/22 and a projected course scope through 12th grade. The team, in partnership with campus and network leaders, will finalize course elements including catalog descriptions, key standards and objectives, and core essential questions.
- **Upbeat Staff Survey:** Staff completed Spring Administration of Upbeat Staff retention survey.
- **Dean's Office:** Our dean's office completed a Deanslist audit of student incidents which came back glowing with strong tracking, attention to detail, follow up and response time.

General Network Updates

- Our team has been working hard on our reopening plans. I want to thank our entire leadership team, our teachers and our staff for their unwavering commitment to our students and families across our schools. Our reopening plans are some of the best in the country and our balance of academic/instructional support with our whole child SEL and culture support, we are focused on

providing structure and joy at every turn. Thank you to this entire board for your ongoing trust, support and encouragement over the past few months and throughout this entire pandemic.

- We are continuing to monitor accountability from CPS and ISBE. As you have likely heard, the absence of viable data is requiring authorizers and districts to eliminate accountability for schools for 1-2 years into the future, until we can have viable baseline data for measurement of growth and achievement. Our DS team will spend this summer ensuring that we continue to find an equity balance of ensuring our students are safe, cared for and supported while also making sure our students are getting learning recovery and acceleration support. We are also working to ensure that we have a strong sense of student performance from our internal interim and benchmark assessments as well as our digital programs that provide actionable data for instructional planning every day and week. We are using our data dashboard to plan rigorous goals for our campuses using the multiple measures of data that we have available to us to continue to measure our impact and our student, teacher and school success.
- Our Wednesday schedule will remain throughout the remainder of this school year with teachers, staff and students remaining remote. This allows us to do deep cleaning, provides an equitable approach for our schools and students and allows teachers to engage deeply with our remote students with mentoring, office hours and individual/small group student supports and interventions. Our Wednesday schedule also allows for deep planning and team time for our teachers and cross content/team/leader collaboration.
- A very special thank you to Matthew, Bob, Jeff, Erin, Kara and Amanda for all they are doing to work to secure financing for our capital expansion. We are so grateful for the creative and innovative solutions as we work to identify the funding to build and design our DREAM!

Operations

- **Facilities:**

- Students were welcomed back on site April 12!
- Saliva testing occurs every 2 weeks as part of our mitigation efforts and to date, one student has tested positive and quarantined

- **Building Construction:**

- AIM has been confirmed for the May 21 Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) docket to amend the special use permit and seek a variance for the parking lot
- AIM had their CPS Community Hearing on Wednesday, May 5. The hearing went well and AIM had support from parents, teachers, students and the board.
- Design Development (DD) has been placed on hold as AIM continues to seek financing for the project. This will impact AIMs ability to file permits on May 26 and this will delay construction beginning on July 1.
- AIM continues to source funding options to pursue the construction project however, a \$4 million gap remains with Self Help and without philanthropy Self Help is unable to present AIM to the financing committee.

- **Food Service:**

- Things remain constant with CPS, they have been good partners

- **Staffing:**

- Positions have been posted for the upcoming school year, interviews have started and offers have been extended
- Positions are tied to enrollment, as enrollment is confirmed, offers will be extended

- **Technology:**

- Staff continue to support students with device repairs and replacements as needed
- Planning is under way to support technology needs in both the existing site and temporary site

Strategy

- **Recruitment and Enrollment:** Enrollment is steady at 258 students
 - AIM GoCPS application: 113 offers

	<p>made to students via the system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goal is 500 students at the start of the upcoming school year! ● AIM received a \$5,000 donation from Panasonic. Thank you to Board Member Linda Lee for securing the donation! ● Kara and Monique met with Dionne Baux from Main Street who helped us coordinate a community roundtable on June 24th with Executive Directors from Southeast Chicago Chamber, South Shore Chamber of Commerce, Greater Chatham Initiative and South East Chicago Commission. ● Jeff, Kara, Monique and AIM Board Chair Matthew Williams met with the Mayor's Office on April 30th - Introduced AIM to build partnerships, get our name out there so that they can help support, etc. ● AIM submitted an application for the CTE Program (Entrepreneurship Program) on May 3rd. 9th and 10th grade programming and using next year as a planning year! <p>School Facility Financing Presentation and Q&A (Jerry Earnest and Jennifer Barbeau)</p> <p><u>Finance Overview</u> Motion to accept the Finance Report made by Wanda Murphy and seconded by Linda Lee.</p> <p>Motion passed 3-0</p> <p>AIM Partner Remarks (Charles Johnson)</p>	
<p><i>New Business (Informational)</i> Facility Update</p>	<p>In accordance with section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act allows the board to go into Closed Session to discuss real estate matters and the sale or purchase of securities.</p> <p>Motion to move to Closed Session made by Clayton Harris and seconded by Bob Perez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion passed 5-0 <p><i>Board President Matthew Williams invited Charles Johnson & Tamara Brown to join Closed Session with the Board Members.</i></p> <p>Motion to exit Closed Session made by Clayton Harris and seconded by Bob Perez at 8:34pmpmCT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion passed 5-0 	<p>Erin Lanoue/ Jeff Donoghue</p>

<p>(Motion) Approval of SY 21-22 School Calendar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to approve SY21-22 School Calendar made by Clayton Harris and seconded by Bob Perez. ● Motion passed 5-0. 	<p>Matthew Williams, Jr.</p>
<p>(Motion & Resolution) Approval of the Pre-Development Agreement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to amend the original agenda item: <i>Approval of the Pre-Development Agreement</i> made by Clayton Harris and Bob Perez 5-0. ● Motion to authorize the Board Chair to pursue the pre-development agreement with Highmark pending final negotiation and legal review made by Clayton Harris and seconded by Bob Perez. ● Motion passed 5-0. 	<p>Matthew Williams, Jr.</p>
<p>(Motion & Resolution) Approval for borrowing for facility acquisition, planning and improvements through September 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to amend the original agenda item: <i>Approval for borrowing for facility acquisition, planning and improvements through September 2021</i> made by Clayton Harris and seconded by Bob Perez ● Motion passed 5-0. ● Motion to authorize the Board Chair to enter into an LOI with CCLF towards the facility acquisition and associated costs with planning and improvements through September 2021 made by Clayton Harris and seconded by Bob Perez. ● Motion passed 5-0 	<p>Matthew Williams, Jr.</p>
<p>(Motion) Approval of Express intent to pursue borrowing for facility development with no current appropriation, and authorize AIM Finance Committee to review and approve expenses if necessary between board meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to approve express intent to pursue borrowing for facility development with no current appropriation, and authorize AIM Finance Committee to review and approve expenses if necessary between board meetings made by Clayton Harris and seconded by Bob Perez. ● Motion passed 5-0. 	<p>Matthew Williams, Jr.</p>
<p>(Motion & Resolution) Approval of Intent to Reimburse School Capital Expenditures with proceeds of future borrowing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to approve Intent to Reimburse School Capital Expenditures with proceeds of future borrowing. ● Motion to table made by Bob Perez and seconded by Linda Lee. ● Motion passed 5-0 	<p>Matthew Williams, Jr.</p>
<p>(Motion) Approval of creation of an AIM Endowment Fund</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to approve the creation of an AIM Endowment Fund made by Clayton Harris and seconded by Bob Perez. ● Motion passed 5-0. 	<p>Matthew Williams, Jr.</p>
<p>(Motion & Resolution)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to authorize Distinctive Schools to 	<p>Matthew Williams, Jr.</p>

Approval of authorization to source fundraising consultant to support AIM Endowment Fund and other fundraising initiatives	<p>source fundraising consultant to support AIM Endowment Fund and other fundraising initiatives made by Clayton Harris and seconded by Bob Perez.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion passed 5-0. 	
(Motion) Approval of ground lease final draft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to approve ground lease final draft made by Clayton Harris and seconded by Linda Lee. ● Motion passed 5-0. 	Matthew Williams, Jr.
(Motion) Approval of MRI lease subject to board counsel approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to approve MRI lease subject to board counsel approval made by Bob Perez and seconded by Linda Lee. ● Motion passed 5-0. 	Matthew Williams, Jr.
Old Business	None	Matthew Williams, Jr.
Other Business	None	Matthew Williams, Jr.
Next Board Meeting	July 27, 2021 6pmCT	Monique Langston

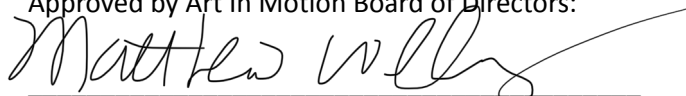
Meeting adjourned at 8:50pmCT by Wanda Murphy and seconded by Linda Lee.

Meeting Certification:
Proposed Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Monique Langston
Recording Secretary

May 25, 2021
Date

Approved by Art In Motion Board of Directors:



Board Secretary

6/28/21
Date