



Board of Directors Meeting | Meeting Minutes | September 21, 2020

Date: September 21, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM CST

Location: Virtual via Zoom:

<https://distinctiveschools-org.zoom.us/j/96101786153?pwd=WVhEY0R5eThrbzVCMGNGRVFNWXhWdz09>

Call to order 6:05 pmCT

- I. Roll Call
- II. **Board Members Present:** Matthew Williams, Jr., Rickey Harris, Clayton Harris III, Linda Lee
- III. **Board Members Absent:** Bob Perez
- IV. **Others Present:**
- V. **Distinctive Schools:** Scott Frauenheim, Monique Langston, Kara May, Jeff Donoghue, Wanda Blair Murphy

Agenda Item	Purpose	Individual Responsible
Approval of Agenda	<p>Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion to approve September 21, 2020 agenda by Clayton Harris III seconded by Rickey Harris <p>Motion passed 4-0 Agenda approved as presented</p>	Matthew Williams, Jr.
Approval of September 8, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes	<p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed meeting minutes from September 8, 2020 Special AIM Board Meeting <p>Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion to approve the September 8, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes made by Linda Lee and seconded by Clayton Harris III <p>Motion passed 4-0 Meeting Minutes approved as presented</p>	Matthew Williams, Jr.
Public Comment on Agenda Items	None	Matthew Williams, Jr.
Management Updates	<p>(Informational) Partner and Philanthropy Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">I. Management Updates	Scott Frauenheim Jeff Donoghue

COVID Return to School

Our return to school continues to be strong! Kara, Amanda and the entire AIM leadership team have done an incredible job preparing for and planning for our launch. Our teachers are also doing a terrific job engaging with and providing flexibility and options for our students. They loved the video from Rashid welcoming everyone back as it inspired everyone to roll up our sleeves and be the best we can for our kids and families. Kara is leading strong professional development for our teachers each week to provide them with the resources and support they need to virtually engage with our students. We are reviewing our school day length now and determining what is possible within CPS requirements to create more flexibility for students and teachers for live instruction and asynchronous learning opportunities. We are offering a strong arts/academic model and monitoring student engagement, attendance and work production and at the same time ensuring the social and emotional support of our students is top priority before anything else.

- a. (Informational) Finance Overview
 - YTD Profit/Loss Statement summary
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- b. (Informational) Distinctive Schools Report
 - General Network Updates

Finance (Jeff)

- Our team is working on finalizing a DRAFT PARTNER funding needs document for Tamara and Charles to review aligned to the partner commitment of \$250,000.00. We need to discuss disbursement and timing of payments to the school to ensure we can activate these additional purchases, hires, plans, etc. Please send any questions to us on this document.
- We are working with CSDC based on the information above related to the offer to purchase the building. We need to build enrollment targets for them to build our leaseback structure. As you know, we also

need to launch a \$15-25MM capital campaign with our advisory fundraising board, partners and local school board. We will work in partnership with Monique, Tamara and Kara to begin planning an overview of the capital needs and by when they are needed to ensure growth and sustainability with enrollment and build out of the facility. Jeff will plan to join an upcoming AIM partner meeting to outline these needs once knowing more from CSDC and formal next steps on negotiations and acquisition of the building.

- Our audit is beginning next week! We will have audited financial statements by 11/1/20 for our CPS compliance deadline once the board approves.

Operations (Erin)

- **Facility:**
- Conversations continue with Galactica Partners & CSDC, an LOI is currently being circulated and we hope to reach a deal by the end of September
- We will re-engage with the architects if a deal is reached and re-evaluate the project scope, enrollment requirements and timeline. We may rebid some or all portions of the project if needed
- 2-3 Community Care rooms are open daily depending on student attendance and social distancing and heightened cleaning protocols are in place
- Dance room floor was replaced

Food Service:

- CPS food service is providing meals to students participating in Community Care and all families are eligible to pick up food from CPS sites
- Food service options have improved and Amanda/Kara are working closely with CPS food service to ensure our families have meals and options.

Technology

- Orders have been placed for months, but deliveries have been delayed due to inventory and customs issues
- Workarounds are in place to ensure students have access to technology

Staffing:

- 1 special education teacher

Academic: (Katie)

- Teams have launched Move This World curriculum for SEL instruction during class gatherings with intentional opportunities for community building. The last two weeks have been a focus on relationships, routines, & rituals
- Our Summit learning program has been launched and our students are engaging with their teachers in daily live and asynchronous instruction.
- Middle school grades 6-8 kicked off a Habits of Success Unit as a way to become familiar with the Summit Learning Program and engage in conversations about skills and mindsets that are important in learning.
- We are monitoring resources and learning supplies that our teachers and students need, especially as they engage with the curriculum or the self paced learning on the platform.
- Our school leaders are monitoring progress or lack thereof for each individual student. Listening conferences are occurring and individual student empathy interviews are also occurring to ensure strong relationships for our students.
- We are still awaiting guidance from CPS on our baseline

assessment requirements and when or if we will administer NWEA remotely or in person.

- We are ensuring that we are planning for interim and benchmark assessments to have a good understanding of student learning loss and to ensure we are planning just right instructional practices for each student based on their re-entry point and to ensure a personalized approach to the standards and instructional deliver or the accommodations and modifications our students need.

Strategy: (Monique)

- **Enrollment/Recruitment**

- Enrollment Goal for SY20-21: 235
- Total Registered (7/8/9): 260 (additional students on roster)
 - CPS has confirmed we will be funded for the additional students!!!

- **Grants**

- **Grants Submitted:**
 - Farny Wurlitzer Foundation (music and music education programs)
 - D'Addario Grant (support for AIM's music program)

- **Partnerships/Development Work**

- **Innovate to Educate Fundraiser!** Details and information emailed to AIM Board last Thursday. Please help us get the word out to your networks, friends, family, etc!
- We will plan to launch in October and let us focus on school reopening as well as understanding our capital needs & facility plan/updates?
- Launching bi-weekly fundraising/strategy call with Kara, Monique, Tamara, Karin &

Amanda - in progress and scheduled for next week!

- Tamara, Monique, Kara and Linda Lee meeting on 9/23 at 12pmCT re: Advisory Board Launch planning
- Chicago CRED (potential partnership)
 - Mike McCarthy, Curtis Toler, Billy Moore and Tony Woods are set to meet at AIM next Wednesday to discuss ways to support students (males) at AIM.
- Common Ground Foundation Partnership
 - **Tuesday, September 29th at 4pm CT** – First Afterschool Session! This will be a meet/greet for the students and mentors no longer than an hour. Mentors can check in to see how students have been doing the first couple weeks of school. Teams will pull together the mentor groups.
 - **Tuesday, October 6th at 4pm CT** – diving into the curriculum – they will use the curriculum created for September that focuses on identity.

(Informational) School Director Report
SEL

- c. NOW in the 2nd full week of Summit Learning Curriculum; Summit opened with Habit of Success unit focused on building self-direction/agency; academic tenacity/growth mindset; self-efficacy/executive functioning; stress management and self-reflection
- d. Beginning partnership again with JPA (Juvenile Protection Association) - added Intern for additional SEL support as well as teacher programmatic support

	<p>Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Family Listening Conferences happening through this week - a. COVID brings new pieces: regular supply pickups for families, including arts supplies - determining intervals based on family needs b. October 6,7 - Family Curriculum Nights - Recorded and Hybrid Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Community Care happening - roster fluctuates - provides office space and a sense of belonging c. Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Need a well-credentialed Special Education Teacher who is a great fit for our philosophy and framework :-) Spread the word, Board :) 	
<p>Old Business (Informational) Facility Update</p>	Discussion on facility updates for AIM.	Erin Lanoue/ Jeff Donoghue
<p>(Informational) Enrollment and Recruitment Update</p>	<p>Enrollment Goal for SY20-21: 235</p> <p>Total Registered (7/8/9): 260</p>	Monique Langston
<p>(Informational/Motion) AIM Parent Board Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to nominate and approve Wanda Blair Murphy to the AIM Board of Directors made by Clayton Harris III seconded by Linda Lee <p>Motion passes 4-0</p>	Matthew Williams, Jr.
<p>New Business (Motion) New Board of Directors Meeting Schedule</p>	<p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moving board meeting to a new date, 3rd Tuesday of each month, <p>Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion for approval of the new board meeting date of November 17, 2020 made by Clayton Haris III seconded by Rickey Harris <p>Motion passes 4-0</p>	Matthew Williams, Jr.
<p>(Informational) Resignation of Board Member</p>	<p>Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Resignation of Board Member Rickey Harris 	Matthew Williams, Jr.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to accept the resignation of Rickey Harris from the Art in Motion Board of Directors made by Clayton Harris III and seconded by Linda Lee <p>Motion passes 3-0</p>	
Other Business	None	Matthew Williams, Jr.
Next Board Meeting	November 17, 2020, 6pmCT	Monique Langston

Meeting adjourned at pm CST by 6:59pmCT Clayton Harris III and seconded by Linda Lee.

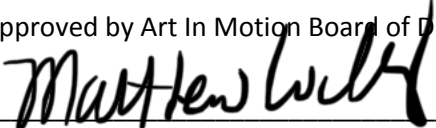
Meeting Certification:

Proposed Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Monique Langston
Recording Secretary

September 21, 2020
Date

Approved by Art In Motion Board of Directors:



Board Secretary

11/24/2020

Date