



East Point Academy
East Point Academy Public Charter School
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes
February 22, 2017

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Ed Davis, Mr. Thomas Queen, Mr. Paul Townes, Mrs. Joan Hoffman, Dr. Mieke Perez, Dr. Kevin Lu and Dr. Lili Ju

Mrs. Beth Richardson arrived at around 7:30 pm.

Others in Attendance:

Dr. Winnie Johnson, Mrs. Dana Hutto, Mr. John Li, Mrs. Pam Leonard, & Mr. Tyler Turner (Halligan, Mahoney & Williams, P.A.)

1.0 Call to Order General Session

- Ed Davis called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

2.0 Mission Statement

- Dr. Davis read the mission statement of East Point Academy

3.0 Approval of the Consent Agenda

- The consent agenda was approved by the board for the following items.
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Public Notification
 - Approval of Minutes – 01-26-2017
 - *The following was removed from the Consent Agenda – Motioned by Dr. Davis and second Mr. Townes*
 - Financial Report – January 2017 (Mr. Townes motioned to remove from Consent Agenda second by Mrs. Hoffman)
 - Policy Updates
 - Calendar 2017 – 2018 Draft
 - Director's Update
 - Enrollment Report

4.0 Public Input

- None

5.0 Bragging from the Board

- Staff Member of the Month – Mrs. Amy Roper
 - Mrs. Roper is a staple around here! She is loyal and dedicated to the success of our school. Ms. Roper manages our communication activities

and has done a wonderful job in ensuring that our social media face is always growing. She works hand in hand with Our Development Officer to fully promote all aspects of the great things happening at EPA. She effectively interfaces with all areas of our school and is ALWAYS willing to help out anyone in our school who needs help - even if it falls out of the realm of Communications (and even if it is a last minute..."uh oh, I forgot to take care of that" 😊) Additionally, as a charter member of our EPA family she has a unique perspective on the original vision that had been established 6 years ago and how that vision continues to be shaped and molded with our ever changing clientele. She is always willing to provide those important insights to this administration and it never goes unappreciated! Amy works on several committees within our school and we are looking forward to her contributions to our upcoming celebrations of Women's History Month! Congratulations Ms. Roper! You deserve this recognition!

- Faculty member of the Month for December – Yinghao don
 - It gives me great pleasure to select Dong Laoshi as our Teacher of the Month. She has consistently provided superb Dance and Movement instruction and experiences for our students. As an accomplished dancer in and of herself, she is able to share, demonstrate, teach, and monitor the progress of our students' Chinese Dance skills in an atmosphere that is free of risk. In the short time that I have been here, I have witnessed even the "I'm too cool for this" boy, become engrossed in what is occurring in our dance studio. Students are fully engaged in the lessons and are willing and ready to show off their skills when our many visitors to EPA visit her classroom. She has promoted our dance programs and has upheld our commitment to promote the Chinese culture in and around the Columbia area by taking our highly requested Dance Team to numerous events to perform. Additionally, Dong Laoshi participates in our professional development activities and I have personally seen her take steps to infuse what she is learning during these sessions as she interacts with her students. I am proud to have her as part of our instructional team and our Fine Arts Department. She certainly exemplifies what EPA is all about when we say "...learning in an atmosphere that promotes cultural sharing and understanding!" Kudos, Dong Laoshi!

6.0 AdvancedEd

- Dr. Johnson updated the board that AdvancedEd will present to the staff the goals and processes to attain our certification.

7.0 Board Election Timeline

- Announcement did not get out and therefore delayed and applications are due in March 15, 2017.

8.0 Principal evaluation Timeline

- Dr. Perez, Mrs. Hoffman and Mr. Townes will head up a guidelines and goal meeting to bring a draft evaluation outline to the board by April Board meeting.

9.0 Preliminary Budget 2017-2018 Timeline

- Coleen Daniels suggested a budget meeting and have a teacher handout with a want and wish list to build their input. Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Townes to meet with Mrs. Coleen Daniels to go over the budget.

10.0 Financial Report – January 2017

- Questions were answered by Mr. Townes. Dr. Davis motioned to accept the Financial Report and seconded by Mr. Queen

11.0 Policy Updates

- Dr. Johnson presented following requesting feedback from the board.
 - EPA Disciplinary Policy
 - Promotion and Retention Policy
 - Communication Crisis Plan

10.0 Emergency Succession Plan

- Dr. Johnson presented the Emergency Succession Plan and was motioned by Dr. Davis to approve the Emergency Succession Plan seconded by Mr. Townes and approved by the Board

11.0 Executive Session

- The Chair motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss the following at 7:46 pm and seconded by Mrs. Richardson.
 - Personnel Report
 - Construction Timeline
 - JEDA Financing
 - Update of Building Project with Legal
 - Update on Portable Construction Contract
 - Thompson Turner GMP Proposal & Timeline
- The Chair moved to come out Executive Session at 8:50 pm.

15.0 Report from Executive Session

- The Chair motioned to accept the personnel report presented by Dr. Johnson and was Approve by the Board.
- The Chair motioned to approve the ECS Inspection as our third party inspector and to authorize Dr. Winnie Johnson to sign appropriate contracting paperwork.

16.0 Next Meeting

- Our next regular meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the EPA Elementary School.
- Special Meeting to be held March 7, 2017 at 12:30 pm at the EPA Elementary School.

17.0 Adjournment

- Dr. Davis called for a motion to adjourn at 8:52 pm. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.