

CAMBRIDGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY DC SOMERSET PREPARATORY ACADEMY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 20th, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of Cambridge Preparatory Academy DC, dba Somerset Preparatory Academy (“Somerset DC”) was held at Building Hope, 910 17th ST NW September 20th, 2017. The meeting convened at approximately 5:30 p.m. pursuant to notice duly given. The following members of the Board participated in the meeting:

Jud Starr
Amber Northern
Joe Quander
Darya Davis
Mark Medema(phone)
Danielle Walton
Joe Bruno

Participating from management were:

Lauren Catalano (Principal/Chief Administrative Officer)
Mr. Bullock (Assistant Principal) (phone)

Invited guests attending were:

Eric Gonzalez-Tablada (Academica)
Lilian Salazar (Somerset)
Bernie Montero (Somerset President)
Jessica Stutter (phone)

The Board approved the minutes of the Somerset Preparatory Academy, Board of Director’s Meeting dated August 23rd, 2017.

Principal’s report

- Lauren Catalano provided a detailed update on the item’s listed on the Principal’s report.
We have 3-5 days to correct package, then given to charter board, then they vote – 1st or 2nd week of October
- Tier III in the middle school but Lauren believes we will
- Look at the other buckets – there are small bright spots – in seat attendance has increased and re-enrollment rate is 78% - never have gotten that
- High school end no credit for Dual Enrollment classes
- No credit for the SAT because they were in 11th graders and were not in the 12th grade
- If we exceed the floor somewhere between a 35

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- School have taken a huge hit in the achievement – everybody in Ward 8 is being negatively affected

Student's Support and Services Tracker

- Currently have 380 students enrolled

Board Discussion

Mark Medema and Lauren Catalano met with Jessica Stutter:

Jessica Stutter is an independent educational consultant for many years – here are the 3 options

- 1) Continuation as is
 - 2) Continuation with terms and conditions
 - 3) No support – leads to a closure
- Jessica Stutter will coordinate meetings with board members to discuss the following options for Somerset Prep DC:

Wait for the charter school board on terms and conditions or we can propose our own terms and conditions. Options include: Replacing staff, replacing boards, replacing management contracts – she thinks we should be proactive in regards to terms and conditions.

- Jessica Stutter discussed the options in detail regarding replacing the governing board, Management Company and teaching staff
- The memo will tell us what the conditions are: for example:
 - 1) The middle school score 30 in 17-18, 35 18-19 – movement in PMF score
 - 2) An x percentage in math scores
 - 3) Health and Safety or Special Ed compliance issues

Financial Committee

- Joe Bruno provided an overview for the September financials, and noted that the school had originally budgeted for 350 students but currently has 380 enrolled.

Academic Committee

- Amber wanted the board to discuss how we can support Lauren this year because this is the make or break year, and support instructionally.
- Amber wants to get to Somerset Prep DC more and see how Board can also provide support remotely
- Lauren says big overhaul on behavior management – changed tiers on suspension, behavior consultant involved, more trauma informed support, teachers are feeling they are not feeling

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supported because kids are staying in class, ex: Friday is a PD day – model on how to handle inappropriate behavior.

Upcoming Board events- This next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 18th, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.