

**PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES OF DETROIT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Minutes of the Meeting/Training Session of the
Public School Academies of Detroit Board of Directors

Meeting Date and time: Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Detroit Athletic Club, Randolph Room
241 Madison Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226
Minutes Approved: March 18, 2014

A. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m. and Roll Call

Mr. Parks called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Directors present: Edward Parks
Annis Stubbs
Keith Cooley
Denise Lewis
Joseph A. Aristeo
John Cleary

Directors excused
and absent:

Michael C. Porter
Zina Kramer
James Nicholson
Jerrold M. Jung

Others present: Peter Webster
Lori Koenig
James D. Smith
Danielle Jackson

Mark Ornstein,
Deborah Parizek
Nan Gill

and other members of the audience and general public.

Mr. Parks made welcoming remarks, identified guests, and introduced the Board agenda topics and procedures.

B. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes from Meeting of January 21, 2014 as amended:

Upon motion of: Joseph A. Aristeo

Seconded by: Keith Cooley

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the Agenda and Minutes, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Public Comments

Three UPSM parents made public comment. The first parent has a 6th grade student and was concerned about the absence of a math teacher for seven weeks. The substitute math teachers were not giving the students work to do and her child is falling behind. She wants to know how the students are going to catch up.

Second parent has a child also in 6th grade and shared concerns about students falling behind because there was no math teacher for several months and the other math teachers should have been giving work to the substitutes but were not.

Third parent has child at UPSM and her child had three different math teachers over last several months. She was worried about student falling behind and not being able to make work up.

One UPA parent attended meeting with her son. Her son is in the 10th grade and was expelled for behavior that she did not feel warranted expulsion and she is concerned because he was not getting work while out of school for suspension.

D. Swearing in of New Board Member – Joseph A. Aristeo:

1. Oath of Office – Joseph A. Aristeo was sworn in.

E. Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Contract Amendments No. 10.

Upon motion of: Denise Lewis

Seconded by: Keith Cooley

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves and adopts the Contract Amendment No. 10, authorizes its Board president to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the contract amendment, requests that GVSU amend the Charter Contract to authorize the formal increase in the size of the PSAD Board of Directors from nine to eleven Board Members.

Motion passed unanimously.

F. Board Subcommittees and Strategic Planning:

Mr. Parks lead a discussion regarding the establishment of Board Subcommittees for Academics, Finance, Development and Marketing as the areas of interest of the committees and staff support.

Keith Cooley asked about 90/90/90 and college readiness.
The Board reviewed the following:

1. Statement of Core Values

90/90
College preparatory
Small size – school and classrooms
Parental involvement
Career related work and community involvement
Doing what it takes
Site-based leadership

2. Key items on which the 2010 board members concluded

We must continue to emphasize quality vs. major expansion.
We must do a superb job with what we have.
We must add at least one or two grammar schools (STILL).
We must continue to improve the degree to which our graduates are college-ready, particularly in math.
90/90 is a great accomplishment but it is not enough.
We must focus on teachers of quality and passion.
We must stay alert to the need for marketing the schools.
We have a wonderful brand and must increase its awareness.
We need to improve our communications and interaction with parents.
We need to stay alert to what other great urban schools are doing.
We may need to find solutions to transportation.

John Cleary provided a report and discussion regarding budgets and capital expenditures.

The Board discussed the following committee structure:

Academics Committee

The general purpose of this committee is to assist the Board in its oversight and support of the academic progress of the three school systems governed by the PSAD board. The Academics Committee will meet periodically with the leadership of the Management Companies and its key academic officer(s) to review metrics and other quantitative and qualitative information related to academic programs and the academic progress of students. The Committee will review the schools' academic and school-related reports that are required under both Management Company Agreements and the PSAD Lease Agreements. The Committee will provide the Board with recommendations on matters of academics where appropriate. The Committee will look for ways that it can assist the school leaders in academic areas when requested.

Finance Committee

The general purpose of this committee is to assist the Board in its oversight and support of the financial progress of the three school systems governed by the PSAD board. The Finance Committee will meet periodically with the leadership of the Management Companies and its key financial person to review proposed budgets, requests for amended budgets and other key financial issues. The committee will be provided periodically with summary financial information developed during the schools' fiscal year. This Committee will provide the Board with recommendations on such financial matters where appropriate. The Committee will look for ways that it can assist the school financial officers in executing their duties.

Marketing Committee

The general purpose of this committee is to assist the board in its review of any major marketing efforts requiring Board approval and to provide a liaison with the Board for School leaders seeking assistance from board members in the School's marketing efforts.

Development Committee

The general purpose of this committee is to assist the Board in its oversight and support of the development efforts of the three school systems governed by the PSAD board. The Development Committee will meet periodically with the leadership of the Management Companies and its key development officer to review development plans and assist the board in any development plans requiring board approval. The Committee and all board members will actively assist the school systems' efforts to find supplemental funds to achieve financial support for key programs and overall financial stability. The Committee will not eliminate the individual responsibility of all board members to assist where they can in this important area.

The Board discussed the schools performance and review. The discussion included presentations by Mark Ornstein, Danielle Jackson, Deborah Parizek, and Nan Gill.

G. Adjournment –

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Denise Lewis

MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED that the Public School Academies of Detroit meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Next meeting date: **Board Meeting:
UPSM High School
Thursday, 4/17/2014 at Noon,
2664 Franklin Street
Detroit, MI**

Minutes prepared by:

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Minutes Approved by:

Ed Parks, Board President

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