

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Public School Academies of Detroit Board of Directors

Meeting Date and time: Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 12:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: UPSM High School
2664 Franklin
Detroit, MI 48202
Minutes Approved: March 22, 2016

A. Call to Order at 12:00 p.m. and Roll Call

Mr. Parks called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Directors present: Edward Parks
Keith Cooley
John Cleary
Michael Porter
Joseph Aristeo
Jerry Jung

Directors excused
and absent:

Zina Kramer
Denise Lewis
Kyle Chandler
James Nicholson
Karen Obsniuk (Not a Board Member yet)

Others

present:	Jeff Ammons	Mark Ornstein
	Lori Koenig	Deborah Parizek
	Julius McDougal	Josephine Kluck
	Nan Gill	Danielle Jackson
	Sarah Laird	
	J.D. Smith	

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, as amended by removing Agenda Item D, and Minutes from Meeting of 10/27/2015.

Upon motion of: Joseph Aristeo

Seconded by: Jerry Jung

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

Motion passed unanimously.

C. President's Reports:

Mr. Parks thanked all those who are interested in the PSAD schools for their support. He provided an overview of the subcommittee reports and the work done respecting academic performance between the last Board meeting in October and today.

D. Nomination of Board Member

AGENDA ITEM D REMOVED FROM AGENDA PER MOTION UNDER AGENDA ITEM B.

E. Presentation of Sub-committee Reports

1. Academic:

- a) John Cleary presented the Board with a review of the January 13, 2016 Academic Committee meeting and the discussions on UPA and UPSM dashboards
- b) Nan Gill presented the Board with a review of the HFA:SCS dashboards.

2. Finance:

- a) The Chair of the Finance Committee (John Cleary) presented the year to date financial dashboards for UPA and UPSM.
- b) John Cleary presented the 2015 – 2016 Budget Amendment for UPA and explained that the amendment is necessary for continued proper funding of UPA.

Upon motion of: Jerry Jung

Seconded by: Michael Porter

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the 2015 - 2016 Budget Amendment for UPA, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

- c) John Cleary presented the 2015 – 2016 Budget Amendment for UPSM and explained the amendment is necessary for continued proper funding of UPSM.

Upon motion of: Michael Porter

Seconded by: Joseph Aristeo

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the 2015 - 2016 Budget Amendment for UPSM, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

- d) The Chair of the Finance Committee (John Cleary) presented the year to date financial dashboards for HFA:SCS.
- e) John Cleary presented the 2015 – 2016 Budget Amendment for HFA:SCS and explained the amendment is necessary for continued proper funding of HFA:SCS.

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Jerry Jung

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approves the 2015 - 2016 Budget Amendment for HFA:SCS, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Marketing & Development:

- a) The Chair of the Marketing & Development Committee, Ed Parks, presented a report to the Board summarizing marketing issues related to UPA, UPSM and HFA.

F. U Prep Schools:

- 1. Mark Ornstein presented the Board with an update on UPA obtaining a \$25,000 grant from Samsung, the success of UPA basketball and debate team.

G. HFH:SCS:

1. Nan Gill presented the Board with an update on the establishment of a National Art Honors Society (and Junior Honors Society) and the success of an awards breakfast in December for students on the high honor roll.

H. Upcoming School Events

Mark Ornstein and Nan Gill provided a summary of upcoming school events.

I. Legal Matters:

Jeff Ammons had nothing to report.

J. Safety Report:

1. The Board voted to create a school safety subcommittee.

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Michael Porter

Motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Public School Academies of Detroit approve the formation of a school safety subcommittee with subcommittee members to be appointed in the future.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. UPA/UPSM – Mark Ornstein updated the board on recent school safety issues at UPA/UPSM.
2. HFA:SCS – Nan Gill updated the board on recent school safety issues at HFA:SCS.

K. Authorizer Comment:

J.D. Smith advised that the authorizer will add safety and security as an item on the annual audit of school buildings.

L. Public Comments:

Several members of the public expressed their concerns regarding the upcoming changes to the school calendar:

Nakisha Meritt – parent at UPSM Elementary – read letter to parents re: 2016 – 17 August start date. Expressed concern over changing the calendar; would like Board to look at benefits of old summer schedule. Also, look at Wednesday enrichment program.

Georgia Anderson – parent of UPSM student – drives her child from Inkster to school. She was happy the first year, liked the calendar/summer the way it was. Asked the Board to reconsider and keep calendar the way it has been. She would like a survey of the parents. The change to the calendar was not communicated well to parents.

Karen Johnson – UPSM parent of twin sons – wants the calendar to stay the same.

Crystal R. Roberson – parent of elementary/middle school students – was drawn to UPSM because of the balanced calendar and enrichment. Enrichment has been pulled from middle school. Please keep the balanced calendar.

M. Adjournment

Upon motion of: Keith Cooley

Seconded by: Joseph Aristeo

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

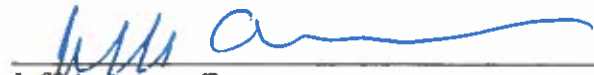
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Next meeting date: **Board Meeting:**
Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison Ave., Detroit, MI

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Minutes prepared by:



Jeff Ammons, Esq.

Minutes Approved by:



Ed Parks, Board President

Date: March 22, 2016

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