



Board of Directors Minutes

Hope Tolson Campus
Regular Board Meeting/Virtual Zoom Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023
5:30 p.m. ET

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 5:35 PM.

II. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Anisa Bailey	X	
Shereefat Balogun	X	
Allison Barr	X	
Eric Johnson	X	
*Lorraine Oyetubo	X	
Neha Patel	X	
Kerry Smith	X	

*Joined at 6:08 PM

a. Approval of Board Agenda

Motion: Anisa Bailey

Support: Shereefat Balogun

The board unanimously voted to approve the board's agenda.

b. Approval of Board Minutes from January 19, 2023

Motion: Allison Barr

Support: Anisa Bailey

The board unanimously voted to approve the board minutes.

III. CMO Report

a. The academic support update was provided by Joshua Christian.

Joshua, PLA Instructional Specialist, reported on Tier 2 instruction, accountability, strategic prompts, opportunities for improvement, and action steps. Mr. Christian is working diligently on ensuring lesson plans have all major components. NWEA testing has been completed and WIDA testing begins on March 7th. Data points from the most recent Common Formative Assessments were shared and shout-outs were given to Ms. Diaz-Kelly (2nd), Mr. Washington (8th), and Ms. McCay (1st). Benchmark Assessment System mid-year data was

also provided with 88% of scholars being tested and 22% of scholars on grade level. Lastly, recent events and family engagements were shared.

ACTION ITEM: Board member, Shereefat Balogun, would like the academic report to highlight observations, address identifying trends, and articulate the plans in the presentation.

ACTION ITEM: Board President, Kerry Smith, requested district-wide data.

- b. The principal's report was provided by Clifford Owens.
Principal Owens shared an enrollment update and discussed the roll-out of becoming a STEAM school next school year. Middle school science teacher, Mr. Moore, provided an overview of the importance of STEAM programs, what they are currently working on in the classroom, and their collaboration with Ghana students.
- c. The SPED Update was presented by Angela Allen.
Ms. Allen, Director of Special Education, provided the Board with a SPED update and was delighted to report that ELL Compliance is at 100%.
- d. The financial update was presented by Eva Spilker.
Eva, PLA Chief Financial Officer, provided the financial update.

IV. Department Updates

- a. Mid-Year Survey Results
Javi Dimas, PLA VP of Enrollment, provided the results from the mid-year survey for parents and families.
- b. Enrollment & Marketing
Javi Dimas also presented the marketing and enrollment strategy update.
- c. Facilities Operations
Arelly Benavides, PLA Chief Operating Officer, provided the facilities update on all outstanding facility operation items.
- d. Technology
Arelly Benavides also provided the technology update.

V. Committee Updates

- a. Academic Excellence Committee
Joshua Christian covered the key components during his academic update presentation.

VI. New Business/Action Items

- a. Approval of 2023-2024 School Calendar
Motion: Neha Patel Support: Eric Johnson

The board unanimously voted to approve the 2023-2024 school year calendar.

b. Approval of Raise the Bar Initiative

The Board would like to table this initiative until all questions have been answered.

VII. Open Communication/Public Comments

None

X. Closed Session

The Board voted to move to a Closed Session to discuss legal, personnel, and contractual business matters.

Motion: Allison Barr

Support: Lorraine Oyetubo

The board unanimously voted to move to a Closed Session.

XI. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Motion: Shereefat Balogun

Support: Neha Patel