

Covenant Charter School Board Meeting Minutes 07.24.18

Meeting called to order at 6:07

Members Present : Noland Buckley, Ernest Sanders, Arnessa Bennett, Tyron Tatum

Absent: Brent Atkinson

Minutes accepted as presented.

Mrs. Bennett moved to make motion to approve minutes. All were in favor.

Old Business

Friendship USA:

Joe Harris and Lauren Chapman attended meeting

Dr. Tatum and Friendship have been meeting to move forward with the agreement between the two.

Joe Harris Chief Operating Office: They are a national charter management company. Friendship public charter school is the primary school. One of the top minority led charter foundations. Friendship started in 1997 as one of the first charter organizations. Has been established about 20-22 years. Walton family reached out to get them to come to Arkansas. Approved for two elementary schools. Pine Bluff school will open August 13th. Little rock school (Former Garland School) renovated the school with about \$8 million. Waltons realized that they needed to do more in Arkansas their home state. Scott approached them about helping with Covenant Keepers. They put together a MOU. The MOU is for a year. Will revisit at the end of the year. Want to ensure that kids get the quality and best education.

One of the first things that they were asked to do was find a leader. Which is Ms. Lauren Chapman. Moved to Arkansas at the end of May. She has extensive experience. She has founded a school and been the CEO and school leader. She has worked in education for about 20 years. One of the things that attracted her is the population of the school. For the last two days she has been working with the team. For most of her career she has spent time working with high poverty school and high ESL.

Directors Report

Starting next Month with Lauren Chapman presenting the report

- Another agreement has been presented with APSRC.
- Dr. Tatum is not in agreement with the technical services as it is about \$3750 an hour.
- Charter School office and Saliha gave us kudos and has been working closely with Mrs. Hill

- Mr. Hamilton has been working as the schools CPA and is providing oversight. His cost is about \$8,000 annually.
- Looking at moving account to First Community Bank to have a better banking relationship.
- Integrity of the school is at stake this year as we are up for renewal
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Board will reconvene to finalize decision regarding APSRC technical assistance contract at next months board meeting.

Next Meeting August 21st at 6pm

Adjourned at 7:25pm