

Friendship Aspire Arkansas
Board Minutes
March, 2019

- Call to order at 6:05 p.m.
- Roll Call:
 - in attendance- J. Pulliam, L. Anthony, Dr. H. Castillo, A. Ashby, L. Davis
- CMO employees in attendance: P. Tran, L. Chapman, C. Woods, Dr. Grant, N. Bohannon, J. Harris
- Board President declared a quorum.
- Presentation of Board minutes from last board meeting. - P. Tran
- L. Anthony motioned for approval of the minutes, A. Ashby seconded/ motion carried and minutes were approved.

CMO Report

- **Pine Bluff- Friendship Aspire**
 - (J. Harris) Explained the new construction and its implications for Pine Bluff and the students at PB Friendship Aspire.
- **Covenant Keepers Update**
 - (Tran) Updates were given regarding the charter and transition to the new campus site. Board members are requested to be at the opening of bids for food service providers on May 10, 2019.
- **New Staff Introductions and Recruitment**
 - (Grant) Principal Bohannon received a formal introduction to the board as the new principal for Friendship Aspire Little Rock.
 - (Grant) An enrollment plan is forthcoming and a draft should be ready at the end of the week. L. Anthony questioned what the plan may involve. Grant discussed strategies include radio/media, yard signs, print media.
 - Ashby asked that special consideration be given to families affected negatively in last year's Little Rock recruitment effort. Grant and Bohannon agreed that something will be done in that regard.
 - Bohannon gave insight into the Little Rock campus's effort to recruit students for Friendship-Little Rock.
 - L. Anthony requested that a connection be made with a local on-air personality to promote Friendship on the radio.
 - A master calendar of community events will be made to help facilitate promotions.
 - Woods has visited with Pine Bluff area childcare centers and 92% of students are coming back to the Pine Bluff campus.
 - Possible incentives were discussed for staff members who engage in the recruitment process.

- (Harris) The middle school is looking to expand its facilities in the near future with a location in South Little Rock.
- A. Ashby requested that recruitment folders be used to share information about the school with parents.
- Dr. Castillo suggested that Friendship use its presence at a Little Rock event in April that targets the Latino community.

Financial Statements

(Tran) The financial report was shared with no questions from the board.

Review List of Stakeholders

- L. Anthony mentioned that she would like to see Friendship Aspire move forward in this area.
- J. Pulliam asked that we create a list and focus on statewide/ corporate support first.

Principal's Reports

- (Woods) Members were given a printed report. Principal Woods highlighted the school's positive Lexile Data and construction updates.
- (Chapman) Members were given a printed report. Principal Chapman's highlights included the transition to the new space, school profile, and interim data reporting.
-

Public Comments

- None

Action Items

- None
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by: L. Davis