



**KWAME NKURUMAH ACADEMY**

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**Minutes for the Meeting of the Kwame Nkrumah Academy Charter School Board of Directors held on Tuesday, May 29, 2018  
9:00 AM at school site**

**Draft**

**Present**

Dr. Iva Carruthers, Dr. Charlotte Blackman, Tobia Thurman, Sydneye Wilson, Dr. Carol Edwards, Assistant Principal Mahari Anderson, Ericka Williams Principal, Tony Burroughs

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:10 AM.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved as printed. There was no public response.

**Legislative Report**

HB5175 which would end the Illinois State Charter School Commission has passed the Senate and now will go to committee in the House. If passed this bill will end the ability for charter schools to receive equal treatment on renewal or when denied. This bill will also end a local community's ability to start a school focused on the needs of their children. Charter schools are asking for the right to an individual, merits-based appeal process.

School staff should know who their representatives are and schools should know the representative is for their school district. This information can be found at [https://openstates.org/find\\_your\\_legislator/](https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/). INCS will monitor these procedures closely and keep schools informed.

Pending in the House is the bill that will tell how charter schools will be funded for serving students with special needs. This information is to follow.

## **Financial Report**

No Report Available

Understanding that we have a new accountant, and there was work to be done to catch up with financial records, the Board urges the Treasurer to work with the accountant to ensure that written reports are submitted in a timely manner.

The treasurer did submit a report outlining the monthly expenditures with anticipated expenditures through July 2018.

## **Principal's Report**

The Principal's Report is attached to the minutes. In summary it covered the following:

- Remediation Plan Updates-The next meeting will be held at CPS Office on Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 2-4:30 PM.
- Financial Matters - The accountant is working with CPS to secure reimbursement funds due KNA.
- Human Resource Updates – Formal teacher evaluations have been completed and staff to be released will be notified on June 14, 2018. We are working with Alvin Boutte to fill positions that are difficult to fill.
- Operations – A list of things that need to be addressed in readiness for the start of the new year is underway.
- Professional Development – Teachers were given a refresher on GRR. Continued staff development was provided on the use of Stride and Blue Streak Math
- Summer School – Summer School and Summer Camp is scheduled to begin the week following the close of the regular school year.
- Community Partnerships – Our partnerships with CPS FACE and Lily Dale Church will continue throughout the summer with golf and enrichment. The gardening program is well under way and going well.
- Graduation and Rites of Passage -Graduation is June 15 and the Rites of Passage is June 14.
- Last Day of School is June 19, 2018

## **Services from School Mates**

School Mates has submitted a Management Agreement which outlines the services it can provide to KNA for the next school year (FY18/19) which include but may not be limited to:

- Monitoring the school's planning and policy making
- Oversight of Human Resources
- Facilities Management

- Reporting and Communication with Third Party Governmental Agencies
- Monitoring Budgetary and Accounting Services
- Marketing
- Fund-Raising and Development
- Community Outreach
- Oversight and Management of Legal Services

\*\*\*School Mates has indicated that one marketing strategy may be available if we can get 60 students then we can place transportation on the table as a cost saving measure.

Our Chair has suggested that we work with School Mates to reduce the 8.5% service cost based on performance. The Board should work with them to identify specific deliverables. If successful, KNA will then work to help them market their services.

Deliverables will include but may not be limited to:

- Growth in enrollment
- Increased Test Scores
- Increase in Student and teacher Attendance
- Principal/Staff Accountability
- Better management of Financial Operations

**Motion**

Move to accept/hire School Mates NFP as Manager for KNA for the FY19 School Year with the Chair negotiating a sliding scale for services rendered.

**Motion**

**Motion Approved Unanimously**

**Meeting Adjourned 10:45AM**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Carol G. Edwards, EdD  
Secretary**