Uncommon Schools – Camden Prep
Board of Trustees Meeting
9:00 a.m., Monday, March 18, 2019
1650 Copewood Street, Camden, NJ

The trustees in attendance were: Bob Howitt, Janellen Duffy, Joe Mangini, Cassetta Perry, Julie Jackson. Also present: Michael Ambriz, Giana Solomon, Kelly Dowling, Laura McGinley, Tara Marlovits, Brett Peiser, Elizabeth Lynch. Absent: Lindsay Kruse, Jon Goldberg

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Mr. Ambriz, who noted that the meeting had been duly publicized, as required by law, in the Courier-Post and El Hispano.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 28th, 2018 board meeting.

Ms. Laura Fern led the board on a school tour, taking board members to observe classrooms.

Ms. Kelly Dowling presented the school dashboard data from February, noting the positivity in alignment between the Camden Prep Elementary Schools and North Star. She also noted improvements in attendance in the current quarter. In Middle school, there is a gap in Camden’s results against North Star. She attributes this to the number of MS students coming from non-Camden Prep elementary schools.

Mr. Brett Peiser presented an update on Uncommon Schools. He shared an updated timeline for the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Uncommon Schools and Camden Prep. He shared that the original MOU was split into 2 unique documents: the Master Services Agreement and the Services and Fee Addendum. Keeping these separated will give more flexibility to modify in the future. Mr. Peiser shared the timeline to have the new MOU in place.

Ms. Laura McGinley presented a Development update. She discussed the remaining fundraising need required through this year and shared next year’s goals.

Mr. Ambriz presented the personnel hire of Imani Hubbard and Kristen Wells for Mt. Ephraim Elementary School and Shakirah Carver and Shonda Bush for Shared Regional Staff. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of the aforementioned individuals.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to appoint the 2018-19 auditor. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to appoint 2018-2019 Auditor.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to appoint the 2018-19 school business administrator. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to appoint 2018-2019 School Business Administrator.
Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to refuse ESSA carryover funds. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to approve Refusal of ESSA Carryover Funds for Targeted Programming.

Ms. Giana Solomon presented an update on parent engagement in the community. She shared a proposal for a student transportation pilot to enable more students to get to and from school. She also shared the results of a state audit and Camden Prep’s response in the corrective action plan.

Mr. Ambriz opened the floor for public comments: There were none.

Mr. Ambriz presented the Financial Report. The following subjects were discussed:

- Q2 Variance Memo
- Budget Transfer Resolution
- Check Register and Purchase Orders, 1/1/19 – 2/28/19
- Treasurer’s Report, 1/1/19 – 2/28/19

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve resolutions to accept the aforementioned reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday, May 20th at 9:00 am, AT CAMDEN PREP COPEWOOD ELEMENTARY (1650 COPEWOOD AVENUE).