



Vanguard Collegiate Board of Directors Minutes

Date:

05/31/2018

Time: 6:02pm

Location:

**Friendship Missionary Baptist Church – 1301 N Goodlet Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46222**

Board Members Present:

Name	Present (Y/N)	Mode (In-person/Call)
Molly Chamberlin	Yes	In-Person
Juan Pablo Ramon-Lagunas	No	
Dan Levine	No	
Damon Martin	Yes	Call
Asia Bartee	Yes	Call
Sibeko Jywanza	Yes	Call



VANGUARD COLLEGIATE
OF INDIANAPOLIS

Agenda Item #1: **Adding 7th Grade**

Notes (general substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided):

Action (Discussion & Voice Vote):

Rob Love & Rob Marshall from Vanguard presented to the Board the proposal of adding 7th grade.

- Due to increasing demand from parents and community leaders, Vanguard is proposing to add 7th grade. This change wouldn't change budget or enrollment. Teachers would be shifting grades; teachers will be teaching their main grades (5th or 6th) and a 7th grade section.
- Working with other schools who do not offer a 7th grade class, Vanguard will be going out to schools who do not offer a 7th grade cohort to actively recruit those families.
- 46208 is a neighboring community that will canvassed as well, in addition to 46222.
- Six 7th grade families have completed their enrollment form and we have established a relationship with schools who stop after 6th grade.

Discussion Board:

7th grade and underclassman in the same area, are there any concerns with this? Is this a safety issue?

- Response: No real concern with the 6th and 7th graders. And the way the class schedule is set up there won't be much co-mingling. Lunch is held with each grade level, lower academy has their own bathrooms in the classroom, overall interaction is separate.
- Response: For overall safety, we'll be installing cameras and there will be an adult presence in the hallway.



In our charter we stated that 5th and 6th wouldn't change classes, and only 7th grade would. Does this change?

- Response: 7th grade won't be changing classes, so there won't be any interaction with the underclassmen.
- Response: We'll be strategic on putting 5th graders on one end of the hallway

Are we sacrificing anything adding 7th grade from the learning side?

- Response: The curriculum isn't that vastly different from 6th grade; we have management who are skilled in this area so that we are not sacrificing anything
- Response: There will be an intentional focus on academic growth. The 7th grade cohort will have a strong focus academically, there will be a lot of hand-holding and support for teachers.

Can you revisit the conversation around developing the culture adding this 7th grade cohort?

- Response: We'll introduce 7th graders to peer-mentoring concept, leverage the want to be treated older and give them more responsibilities, and educate them on being more conscientious about their surroundings.
- Response: One of the key components of the grant we recently submitted was to bring on a Licensed Guidance Counselor which will be able to help our 7th grade scholars to transition onto high school and college planning. There are some partnerships we can maximize to help our scholars become leaders in the school.

Motion submitted for vote to request approval to add 7th grade scholars (Sibeko Jywanza), 2nd by Damon Martin. No further debate.

By roll call vote, all present voted in favor to request approval to add 7th grade scholars – motion carries.