

W-A-Y Academy Detroit  
(Widening Advancements for Youth)  
8701 West Vernor Hwy.  
Detroit, MI 48209

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting  
Monday, September 15, 2014  
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order by the Elizabeth Bauer, President at 5:36 pm.

Roll Call :

Bauer - Present  
Croxtton - Present  
Irwin - Excused  
LeRoy - Present  
Murray - Present  
Wong - Excused

Guests Present : Bethany Rayl, WAY Program; Darrell Wanamaker, WAY Program; Madeline Black, WAY Academy Director; Sonya Townsend, WAY Special Education Director; Beth Baker, WAY Program; Glen Taylor, WAY Program; Kelli Glenn, WAY Program; Maurice Woods, WAY Academy Assistant Director; Lou Glazer, Michigan Future Schools; Jacob Sopczynski, Yeo & Yeo; Glenn Bachman, Lake Superior State University, Charlie Moret, guest of Michael Murray.

II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Glenn Croxtton to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of LSSU proposed amendment to Section 7-1 of the Charter Application (Educational Goals). All present voted aye. Motion carried.

III. Call to the Public

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to be considered a public community meeting. We now invite members of the public to address the Board and share any thoughts or concerns regarding agenda items only.

No Public Comments.

#### IV. Presentation by Researchers and Staff

Researcher presentation by Heather Manning, Lab Expert at Southwest Campus on “What’s that smell” – Investigating the pollution in Southwest Detroit. Heather Manning described a trip to New York City that seven Southwest researchers (2 boys, 5 girls) would like to attend on September 20 & 21, 2014. Students will be speaking at the workshop and attending the Peoples Climate March.

#### V. Presentation by Lou Glazer, Michigan Future Schools.

Data report power point presentation by Lou Glazer. Spoke on history of obtaining starter grants for charter schools in the Detroit area. He described students’ progress toward college readiness. Mr. Glazer spoke about a memorandum of understanding. MFS will be providing West Campus with additional data throughout the year. This will assist with college prep/readiness.

#### Audit Presentation (Agenda item XI. a.1)

Board president asked for Yeo and Yeo to present at this time. Presentation by Jacob Sopczynski from Yeo and Yeo on recent audit. Jacob shared the Independent Auditors’ Report with board. Jacob Sopczynski stated that it is a clean audit with no findings. He commended Kelli Glenn for her assistance in preparing for the audit.

Board acknowledged receipt of audit presented by Yeo and Yeo.

#### VI. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting, August 18, 2014

B. Approval of Minutes Special Meeting, September 5, 2014

It was moved by Glenn Croxton and seconded by Michael Murray to approve the consent agenda items from August 18, 2014 and September 5, 2014. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

#### VII. Correspondence - None

#### VIII. Educational Service Provider's Report

- A. Comprehensive review of data:
  - Educational Goals per LSSU Contract
  - Student Achievement

Madeline Black and Sonya Townsend presented Data Grid power point. (Copies were presented to board). This info showed MEAP data from 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Shared additional information on Explore/Plan testing taken at West Campus. The information shared covered educational goals and student achievement. Barbara LeRoy asked for data to be disaggregated gender and other demographic characteristics.

Retention of faculty and students – status report – No discussion held

- B. Update on Annual Education Report – No discussion held
- C. Report on specific actions being taken to support student #\_\_\_\_. West Campus – No discussion held. Item was included in the West Campus Director's written report.

#### IX. LSSU Authorizer Liaison Report

Glenn Bachman spoke on working with WAY Program staff this week as part of the mid-contract review of the five-year contract that W-A-Y Academy Detroit has with LSSU.

Discussion held on letter Mr. Bachman received from Joe Fabiano (Insurance broker) and coverage concerns that Mr. Fabiano had shared.

#### X. Old Business

- A. Discussion Items – No discussion

#### XI. New Business

#### A. Discussion items

1. Presentation by Yeo and Yeo auditors – Presented earlier (see above)
2. Board member reimbursement requests - None
3. Approval of expenses for retreat (Joe Urban fee, venue, meals, etc) - Board President stated there is no budget prepared to share as yet.
4. West Campus After School Program

Madeline Black spoke to the board regarding the after school sports program that is available at West Campus. Researchers have asked for sports opportunities. The Don Bosco gym is available. Some financial support will be required for researchers to participate. Madeline Black will provide a request for support for the Board to consider.

5. SW Campus Researcher trip to New York City – Heather Manning spoke on this earlier (see above IV)

6. LSSU Contract Amendment: tabled to allow Program Staff to gather information to present to the Board on proposed amendment implications.

It was moved by Michael Murray/seconded by Glenn Croxton to approve the New York City trip for Southwest researchers. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

#### B Actions Items

1. Motion to accept the Audit – Board acknowledges receipt of audit (see above V).
2. Motion to approve Board member reimbursement requests as submitted - None
3. Motion to approve budget and expenses for Retreat – No budget prepared.

#### XII. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

- A. Finance Committee: Action: Michael Murray discussed the budget report which was shared with the financial committee. It was moved

by Glenn Croxton/seconded by Barbara LeRoy to approve the finance report. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. Nominating Committee – progress report – No report
- C. Strategic Plan – progress report – Will be discussing this at the retreat.

### XIII. Announcements:

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: October 20, 2014 at W-A-Y Academy Detroit, 8701 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48209. 5:30 p.m. Barbard LeRoy asked to be excused from the October meeting for personal reasons. Elizabeth Bauer (President) accepted her planned absence.

B. Board and ESP Retreat, Saturday, September 27, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Courtyard Marriott in Novi, MI. Joe Urban, Esq., Clark Hill, Facilitator

### XIV. Call to the Public

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Tabitha Stanley reported on lack of comprehensive communication with researchers/parents on schedule changes in emergency situations (i.e. school closing, etc...). She presented a sample message used by Livonia Public Schools.

### XV. Adjournment

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Glenn Croxton to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Board and will be posted on the W-A-Y Academy Detroit web site,  
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