

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

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

MINUTES

I. Call to Order by the President, Elizabeth Bauer at 5:25 p.m.

Roll Call

Bauer - Present

Croxton -Excused

Irwin - Present

LeRoy - Present

Murray - Present

Wong - Present

Guests Present: Bethany Rayl, WAY Program; Madeline Black, WAY Academy West Director; Shawn Hill, WAY Academy Southwest Director; Beth Baker. WAY Program.

II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Patrick Irwin and seconded by Pamela Wong to approve the agenda. All present voted aye. Motion carried,

III. Call to the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of WAY Academy in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not 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 comments offered.

IV. Presentation by Researchers and Staff – None

Open Discussion:

Elizabeth Bauer shared that she had great pleasure of meeting Dr. Fitzgerald from MSU (Outreach/Engagement) and had a valuable conversation regarding resources. Ms. Bauer

also indicated that Don Bosco owns Youthville now. There are some possibilities for upcoming space for our 3rd location for expansion of West campus. Elizabeth Bauer is going to follow-up with Victor Green from Wayne State regarding DAPCEP. Also, Jason Lee at Lawrence tech; willing to connect. Madeline Black talked very highly of the Michigan State Program – Health & Wellness. Patrick Irwin added that we need to access our resources.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes Regular Board Meeting, November 17, 2014

It was moved by Michael Murray seconded by Pamela Wong to approve the Consent Agenda items from November 17, 2014. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

VI. Educational Service Provider's Report

A. Educational Goals per LSSU Contract

Bethany Rayl asked if anyone had any follow up questions regarding the last month comprehensive review? No questions were brought up. Bethany also indicated that January 5, 2014 is the MAP test opening.

Director's report; Madeline Black, Director from the West campus shared that she is excited about her 8th graders. They are all finishing now and moving onto High School. Madeline shared that that they are having a talent show on 12/17/14 from 4-5:30 p.m. There is more training coming for staff. Madeline is very excited that the Reading and Math Specialists are in place.

Shawn Hill, Director from Southwest shared that they had Graduation today. There are 30 students for January in the 12th grade. Shawn shared that she would like to do more to promote those students. Shawn Hill added that Ashley Flemmer would like to extend a thank you to the Board for all you do. Ms. Flemmer has procured 10 guitars for a music program at WAY Academy West. Shawn Hill also shared that they started a newspaper, "The Daily Standard" with 24 students involved. They are having a release party on 12/17/14. Ms. Hill also shared that there were 15 guitars donated for the music program at Southwest.

B. Update on Count Day: changes in enrollment since last report.

Bethany Rayl discussed current enrollment numbers; West Campus has 163 with a goal of 180. Southwest Campus has 306 with 9 in the enrollment process, with a goal of 360.

Bethany Rayl also discussed the 25e student updates; we have a significant number and will have the total for the next meeting.

C. Status of All-School Title I Initiative.

Dates of meetings held/scheduled with Sharon Karpinski have been sent to Board members..

Shawn Hill discussed that 2 meetings have been held so far with the last one on 12/2/14. A parent attended the last meeting and said she was very pleased to say they left WAY Academy because of the commute and returned because of the program.

Michael Murray asked why the family left and Shawn Hill indicated that the students did not like being away from their friends.

Shawn Hill also added that the next Title I meeting would be held on 1/22/14 with all the staff. They will work together on the process thus far. There will be a series of items discussed such as the SPR 40 (Student Process Rubric and student surveys to look at the data to see what needs to put in place for the next school year. Shawn Hill invited Elizabeth Bauer to the future meetings and she will attend all. There are 3 more meetings scheduled for the future.

Madeline Black shared some expectations for the students and will push the plan for Parent surveys so that we can address all one on one.

D. DPS FOIA Response

Kelli Glenn sent the response on 11/14/14 and Board members will receive a copy of it.

VII. LSSU Authorizer Liaison Report

Glenn Bachman shared that he needs to schedule a time to get together with Pamela Wong and Barbara LeRoy to discuss the 2014 policy updates in January. Glen Bachman also verified that everyone watched the video from LSSU during the November 17, 2014 meeting. Glenn also discussed that he will be doing a video in January regarding Governance. There is a meeting on 2/25/14 and he will have more information regarding the spring in-service.

VIII. Old Business

A. Discussion Items

LSSU Contract Amendment (version distributed by e-mail from Bruce Harger Dec 7 and forwarded by Liz on December 9, 2014). Bethany Rayl indicated that they are working through some language items so that we are on the same page moving forward. Bethany shared that she would like the Board to consider spending a little time with Julie Hopper from LSSU to get clarification on the amendment. Elizabeth Bauer also shared that she would like to meet to confirm the intent of the wording. Barbara LeRoy shared that we should have the new language before the next meeting. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss before the next Board meeting.

B. Action items
LSSU Contract Amendment

No vote to be called at this time.

IX. New Business

A. Discussion Items

Board member reimbursement requests (Bauer, others)
Elizabeth Bauer indicated that she would like reimbursement for mileage from July, August and September for \$227.92.

B. Action Items - Approve Board member requests for reimbursement.

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Pamela Wong to accept the request for reimbursement for mileage for \$227.92. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

XII. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

A. Finance Committee: -Action: accept report

Michael Murray shared that he and Kelli Glenn went through the financials. Kelli Glenn pointed out a few over budget items regarding technology. All looked good and they are still working on the budget package and the grid, which will be available in the next few months.

B. Nominating Committee – progress report

Pamela Wong shared that there were no updates at this time. Pam would like everyone to fill out the grid and send it back to her. This will allow the nominating committee to see at a glance the types of expertise and backgrounds needed to round-out the Board

membership. She also thanked the staff and Board for their commitment to WAY and it's students.

C. Strategic Plan – progress report

None at this time.

XIII. Announcements:

A. Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: January 19, 2015 (M.L. King Day) at W-A-Y Academy Detroit, 8701 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48209. 5:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Bauer discussed that we may need to move the next Board meeting because it is scheduled on Martin Luther King Day and all the academies are closed. All agreed that the meeting would be moved from January 19, 2014 to January 26, 2014. Elizabeth Bauer will notify Dr. Croxton.

XIV. Call to the Public

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XV. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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