

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

Board of Directors' Retreat
MSU Detroit Center
3408 Woodward Avenue, Room 201 Detroit, MI 48201

Wednesday, October 7, 2015
5:30 p.m.

Minutes

I. The meeting was called to order by the President at 5:38 p.m.

Roll Call:

Bauer ____X____
Croxtan ____X____
Irwin ____X____
LeRoy ____X____
Murray ____X____
Naylor ____X____
Wong ____X____

II. Motion to approve agenda made by Glenn Croxtan, Second by Michael Murray All voted aye.
Agenda approved.

III. Call to the Public

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No members of the public were present.

IV. Discussion items

- Staff turnover – Members discussed the number of changes in school directors since inception of programs at SW and West campuses. Board members have observed changes in faculty as well. Will ask the ESP to provide data on the rate of turnover and staff retention. Board members are accountable for student achievement and staff turnover can be a factor in student achievement.

- Student recruitment and retention – Enrollment seems to be down from previous years. Board members will ask for data on enrollment and retention of researchers who have been enrolled -for how long, etc. What is the rate of turnover?
- Management Agreement – Management Fee (article 6 (c)) Brief discussion was held on need to determine a set Management Fee when the current contract comes due for renewal in 2017.
- PA 109 5% reserves requirement – Mentioned as state requirement. The Academy is approaching this objective
Charter Renewal requirements - to obtain top rank in this category a 15% reserve is required.
 - Team to work on renewal document starting January 2016. Application due to LSSU Charter School Office, January 15, 2017. Trustees meet April or May 2017 to consider. Noted – but team not appointed.
- Other items:
- Computers. Board has not received a report on the Academy’s computer holdings for more than a year. Will request report on number of computers; losses, if any; claims, if any; impact on insurance rates, if any.

Dual Enrollment Program – Early on there was discussion (plan?) to offer dual enrollment both by having W-A-Y Program faculty credentialed to provide both college and high school credits for students whose work met criteria. There was also discussion about partnerships with local community colleges, four-year colleges, and universities to provide opportunities for dual enrollment. Board will ask for status report on dual enrollment, partners, and number of participants.

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VI. Motion to adjourn by Pam Wong, Second by Barbara LeRoy. All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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