

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

**Note: March 21, 2016 Meeting was held at the West Campus
19321 W. Chicago Ave., Detroit, MI 48228**

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
Monday, March 21, 2016
5:30 p.m.
(Finance Committee met at 5:00 p.m.)

Minutes

I. Call to Order by Vice - President Pamela Wong at 5:37 pm

Roll Call:

Bauer _Excused

Croxtan _X_____

Irwin ___X_____

LeRoy _X_____

Murray _X_____

Naylor ___X_____

Wong ___X_____

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the agenda as presented by Patrick Irwin /Seconded by Barbara LeRoy.
Passed unanimously.

III. Call to the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of W-A-Y 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

Alex Cintron shared information on researchers who would be presenting to the board. Researchers will be sharing on their experience at Lake Superior State University camp last year. Alex Cintron indicated Lake Superior State University is offering summer camp again this year, and we are looking for researchers who may want to attend.

Calil Burnett (West Campus researcher) spoke on "Show me the Money" event. Calil shared that researchers learned about FASFA and how to complete the paperwork. Calil Burnett also shared on "Money Smart" workshop, which was held at West Campus. The researchers were also shown how to handle credit and manage money. The workshop also offered a session on insurance, which showed different options that are available to our researchers. Calil is

interested in attending Cranbrook or Wayne State University. Kirsty Sturgis spoke about her attendance at Lake Superior State University camp two years ago. She found the camp very interesting and informative. Students were exposed to college courses. They also learned how college students live on campus. Ms. Sturgis expressed an interest in attending this summer as well.

Mr. Whigham expressed his thanks to the West Campus researchers who spoke at the board meeting.

Mr. Whigham indicated that West Campus has three new staff members (JaQuita Grady, Christian Young and Shalan Karazim), and wanted to express his thanks to these new staff for their great work thus far.

Hannah Jaber introduced the Southwest Researcher graduates. (Serena Bates & Thalia Pruitt)

Serena Bates (16 year old researcher from Southwest) spoke to the board on her experience at WAY Academy. Serena enrolled at WAY Academy in 2013, and graduated in December 2015. She shared on her struggles with having transportation back and forth to school. She indicated staff at WAY Academy were always helpful in helping her to resolve her transportation issues so she could focus on her school work. Serena indicated that she was thankful to her mentor Steve Monteleone, and Team Leader Steve Rios, as they were always pushing her to do her best. Serena shared that she was recently accepted at Wayne State University.

Thalia Pruitt (Southwest researcher who graduated on 3/7/16) spoke to the board. She began attending WAY Academy in August 2013, and is grateful for her experience at WAY Academy. Thalia indicated that all WAY Academy staff pushed her and helped her get to the point of graduation. Thalia has plans to attend college although she's not sure where she will attend.

V. Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting, February 22, 2016

Motion made to approve minutes from Regular Meeting on February 22, 2016 by Patrick Irwin/Seconded by Michael Murray. Passed unanimously.

VI. Educational Service Provider's Report

Superintendent/Director's Report: (see also written reports on secure site)

Compliance:

ED Yes completed by 3/13/16
Special Education B1 reports have been submitted
M-Step testing is being scheduled by Steve Beaulieu
Assessment update for BAA has been completed
Two-Way communication has been completed

February 10, 2016 Count Day Certified Results (SW and West) –update current enrollment:

West – 135 Researchers
Southwest – 255 Researchers

Academics:

Report on Michigan Department of Education, Office of Field Services, Site Visit to the Southwest Campus, Friday, March 11, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon by Michael Radke, Director, and Linda Harrington, Educational Consultant.

Alex Cintron shared that Michael Radke (Michigan Department of Education) had visited WAY Academy last week. Alex shared a follow-up visit letter from Michael Radke with the board. The letter indicated that Mr. Radke left the site visit feeling positive about our school and the work we are doing.

Greening of Detroit opportunity is available to our researchers. 50 researchers have applied for summer employment. The Board asked how researchers are prepared for this experience? Alex Cintron indicated that some researchers received this information at the “Show me the Money” event, and Mr. Whigham indicated one of his staff members assists researchers with preparing for employment within both campus sites.

Credit attainment – Penny war is being held within both Campus sites to promote credit attainment.

Alex Cintron shared on WEDA testing requirements. Board asked for clarification on WEDA qualifications. Alex Cintron shared this information with the board. Lynda Ceballos assists with this task at our campus sites. WEDA qualifies for Title III funding.

Achievement Series is up and going at both campus sites. The Achievement Series allows researchers the opportunity to “test out” of certain subjects.

John Bosselman (PBL Trainer) held a PD with our Detroit teaching staff last Friday, which was very well received. He is well versed in Project Based Learning. Alex Cintron shared information from the PD with the board.

We have 8 researchers from West Campus and 5 researchers from Southwest Campus who are interested in attending the Lake Superior State University camp this summer.

Points of Pride (CAPP)

Alex Cintron shared that he was proud of Serena Bates (Southwest graduate) who presented to the board. Really proud of her, and excited to hear of her accomplishments.

Alex Cintron indicated he would like to recognize “Tushar Shetty” (Southwest Math Expert) for his stellar work at our Southwest site. He does above and beyond for researchers at his building.

Project Pinstripe Mentoring Program – Mr. Lewis spoke to the board and shared about this program. Mr. Lewis indicated his group has been working with young men at our West campus site. Mr. Whigham shared they are looking for a similar program to offer the young ladies who are attending the West campus site.

Student council from West researchers raised over 5,000 bottles of water for donation in Flint.

Alex Cintron introduced Paul Fershee who currently works as COO for WAY, and will be assisting with our reauthorization process.

VII. LSSU Authorizer's Report - Reginald Kirkland, Liaison

A. Presentation by Chris Oshelski, Director, LSSU Charter School Office, on Re-Authorization of Charter Contract

Mr. Oshelski spoke to the board and shared information on upcoming re-authorization and process. Chris indicated they would be using Dyekma (May 2016 – documentation list will be sent to Academy which would indicate items that are needed). These items would then need to be sent to Dyekma. Items would need to be returned prior to Christmas for review. The documentation list will be sent to the Board President and School Leader. The Board President and School Leader would need to share this information with their appropriate staff.

Mr. Oshelski indicated that Lake Superior State University would be hosting three training sessions (between May and June 2016), which would be more convenient locations for board members to attend. (Mt. Pleasant, Dearborn, Grand Rapids)

Mr. Oshelski shared that each center receives a grant for on time submission on Epicenter. Next year the dollar amount will increase to \$15 per student for on-time submission to Epicenter (a portion of this money would need to be designated for PD).

Dr. Kirkland will be attending the April board meeting.

B. Charter School Day in Lansing, May 3, 2016 – Details

Additional information will be shared with the board, as it's made available.

VIII. Old Business

A. Discussion Items

Report on Omega Psi Phi's plan to mentor West Campus Researchers and action taken to date (Mr. Whigham)

Discussed under Educational Provider Report.

IX. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

Board member reimbursement requests

Request for a report on graduates' current activity

Request for a presentation to Board by one or more graduate(s)

B. Action Items:

Approve Board reimbursement requests

None.

X. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

A. Finance Committee:

Monthly Financial Report: accept subject to audit

Michael Murray shared financial report information with the board. Kelli Glenn shared on financial report handouts, which were disbursed to the board.

B. Discussion Items:

1. 2015-2016 Amended Budget March 2016

Kelli Glenn presented this information with the board for discussion.

2. Audit Engagement Letter 2016

Kelli Glenn shared this information with the board for discussion.

3. Management Letter Response to 2014-15 Audit

Kelli Glenn shared this information with the board for discussion.

4. Budget Timeline 2016-2017

Kelli Glenn shared this information with the board for discussion.

C. Action Items:

1. Approve 2015-2016 Amended Budget March 2016
2. Accept Audit Engagement Letter 2016
3. Accept Management Letter Response to 2014-2015 Audit
4. Approve Budget Timeline 2016-2017

Motion made to approve the 2015-16 Amended March 2016 Budget as presented by Patrick Irwin/Seconded by Glenn Croxton. Passed unanimously.

Motion made to accept the 2016 Audit Engagement Letter as presented by Patrick Irwin/Seconded by Barbara LeRoy. Passed unanimously.

Motion made to accept the Management Letter Response to 2014-2015 Audit as presented by Michael Murray/Seconded by Glenn Croxton. Passed unanimously.

Motion made to approve the 2016-17 Budget Timeline as presented by Patrick Irwin/Seconded by Michael Murray. Passed unanimously.

XI. Announcements:

Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: Monday, April 18, 2016 W-A-Y Academy
Detroit, **Southwest Campus**, 8701 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48209

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Parent wanted to publicly thank Alex Cintron for his timely response in addressing their concerns.

Taqee Vernon (Teacher Assistant at Southwest Campus), asked to speak to the board. Mr. Vernon shared on a couple of his positive experiences in working with researchers at the Southwest Campus.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Patrick Irwin/Seconded by Jacquelyn Naylor. Passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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Public notice of this meeting was posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.