

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

**Note: April 18, 2016 Meeting will be held at Southwest Campus
8701 W Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48209**

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2016
5:30 p.m.
(Finance Committee met at 5:00 p.m.)

Minutes

I. Call to Order by the President at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call:

Bauer X

Croxtan Excused

Irwin Excused

LeRoy X

Murray X

Naylor X

Wong X

II. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Elizabeth Bauer asked to add the following items to the agenda:

Board Training under LSSU Authorizer Report

IFF Proposal under New Business

Survey Request from EMU Student Rod Atkins under New Business.

Alex Cintron asked to add a graduation date change under announcements.

(Graduation date will be changed to June 21, 2016, and will be held at West Campus.)

Motion made to approve the agenda as amended by Pam Wong /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

None

V. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting, March 21, 2016

Motion made to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 21, 2016 by Michael Murray/Seconded by Barbara LeRoy. Passed unanimously.

VI. Educational Service Provider's Report

Superintendent/Director's Report: (refer to written reports on secure site)

Natasha Harwig, motivational speaker working with our West Campus female researchers spoke to the Board. She offers self-confidence/positivity/body image, etc. workshops to these young ladies.

Consuelo Lopez from Congress of Communities presented to the board regarding 12 for Life group. Ms. Lopez shared on opportunities that might be available by partnering with 12 for Life. Ms. Lopez shared a slideshow presentation with the board. This program gives youth an opportunity to learn a skill, as well as, an education. 12 for Life school has an 80 percent graduation rate. This program started with eight students 10 years ago, and has grown to over 2,000 students. Forty percent of their graduates go onto post secondary education. Alex Cintron shared this potential partnership is still in the preliminary stages.

Compliance

Alex Cintron shared on testing that has been going on at Southwest and West Campus locations. Make-up tests are in the process of being scheduled. Board asked for clarification on when they might receive testing results? Alex Cintron indicated once the information is provided to him, he will share it with the board. President Bauer shared that we should look at education goals that are listed in our contract with Lake Superior State University. We need to review these goals as we look forward to reauthorization with Lake Superior State University. President Bauer requested a regular/monthly report on achievement of goals to be shared with the board.

Board asked for clarification on how testing is being handled by researchers who may need accommodations. Alex Cintron shared that our Special Education director (Marilee Bylsma) has been working very diligently to ensure supports have been provided to those researchers.

ELL students are still in the process of being tested.

Still working on School Improvement Plan survey provided through AdvancEd. We are hoping to share some of this information with the board at the June board meeting.

Achievement Series is ongoing and working out well.

District PD was held last Friday at Southwest Campus.

France trip is still on. The attendees/researchers are still short by \$5,195.00, which WAY Program has agreed to donate into the Student Activity account. Alex Cintron and Kelli Glenn will be working together on how the monies will be disbursed to researchers attending the trip.

Alex Cintron shared on job fairs that have been held recently. We have been successful at capturing some potential new hire candidates.

Discussion on (5) Southwest and (7) West campus researchers who will be attending Lake Superior State University summer camp.

Discussion around open enrollment process, and information that would need to be posted in the newspapers.

Alex Cintron shared on scholarship opportunity that Glenn Croxton had previously shared with Directors. We have several researchers who have applied for the scholarship.

Alex Cintron shared that Title I funds will be paying for 180 Program which will be offered at Southwest Campus.

Alex Cintron shared there are ongoing parent meetings being held at West Campus.

Shared on attending ASCD conference recently, which was positive.

Academics

Lydia Kovach, Title One Reading Specialist from Southwest Campus presented to the board. Shared on data she has used to create her most at-need researchers list. She currently services 27 at-need researchers. Ms. Kovach shared how she supports/scaffolds literacy projects for our researchers. Ms. Kovach also works with researchers on supporting/encouraging their attendance.

Alex Cintron shared spreadsheet/information with the board on credit attainment/attendance from Sept. 2015 – January 2016. This spreadsheet also shared pivot points, which WAY Academy would look at for guidance on how to make improvements. For example, we are currently looking at our induction process for redesign.

President Bauer asked if Michigan Future Schools gave a deadline on the data redesign that had been previously requested? Alex Cintron indicated he should have an answer to share with the board within the next two weeks. President Bauer shared that we would need to have some type of answer as to why the funds haven't been released, as we'd need the funds prior to the fiscal year end. If the funds are not released, there will be a hole in the budget.

Barbara LeRoy asked for clarification on what the Board could do to assist in obtaining the funds. President Bauer indicated we could invite Lou Glazer (Michigan Future Schools) by mail to the next board meeting to share out on this.

Motion made for Elizabeth Bauer to invite Mr. Lou Glazer (Michigan Future Schools) to attend the May Board meeting by Michael Murray/Seconded by Jacqueline Naylor. Passed unanimously.

Board had additional conversation and agreed that President Bauer would contact the board attorney for guidance on a crafting a letter to Mr. Lou Glazer (Michigan Future Schools) from the board. The board also agreed that President Bauer would call Mr. Lou Glazer (Michigan Future Schools) for conversation on when funds might be released to the Academy.

Points of Pride (CAPP)

Hannah Jaber shared on (7) researchers who are participating in the National Honor Society program. Hannah Jaber and DaLon Whigham indicated both Southwest and West campus sites currently have student council programs.

Testing for Lead and Copper in water at West and SW sites

Alex Cintron shared on water quality reports for our Detroit campus sites. Detroit city water shows good quality water is available. We are still trying to determine the water quality at both our building sites. The landlord(s) have been contacted, however, they indicated there is nothing they could share with us pertaining to water testing. Alex Cintron indicated the water would be tested at our building sites by an independent company.

VII. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report - Reginald Kirkland Update on plan for reauthorizing LSSU charter schools Board Training

Reginald Kirkland shared information on (three) retreats that will be scheduled throughout the year. Reginald Kirkland shared gift from Lake Superior State University to board members in honor of Board Appreciation Month.

VIII. Old Business

A. Discussion Items

None

B. Action Items

None

IX. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

Board member reimbursement requests (if any)

None

IFF Proposal

President Bauer shared on IFF Proposal information, which was previously emailed to the board. They were interested in our data and whether or not we would share it. We are not obligated to participate in this program. Board indicated they would pass on this at this time.

Survey Request from EMU student (Rod Adkins)

President Bauer shared information forwarded by Patrick Irwin regarding a graduate student's research on governance by Charter School Boards who contract with for-profit Educational Service Providers. Since WAY Program is a Michigan non-profit corporation, the board indicated they would not be participating in this survey.

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. Mr. Murray indicated that we have four accounts over budget at this time. The largest amount over budget is \$500.00, which isn't too bad. Michael Murray recommends that we send letter to Wayne RESA requesting release of special education dollars.

Motion made for Board to send letter to Wayne RESA requesting them to release our special education dollars by Barbara LeRoy/Seconded by Pamela Wong. Passed unanimously.

Motion made to accept financial report subject to audit as presented by Michael Murray/Seconded by Jacquelyn Naylor. Passed unanimously.

XI. Announcements:

Graduation: Thursday, June 16, 2016, Southwest Campus

****Graduation date has been changed to Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at West Campus.**

Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: Monday, May, 16, 2016 W-A-Y Academy
Detroit, **West Campus**, 19321 W. Chicago Ave., Detroit, MI 48228

XII. Call to the Public

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Ms. Stanley shared information on a tour that some of our researchers want to participate in for next year to Greece. Fundraisers are available to our researchers at Ford Field and Comerica Park.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by President Bauer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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