

W-A-Y Academy Detroit
(Widening Advancements for Youth)
19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI. 48228

Note: May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting will be held via Zoom
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Meeting ID: 941 3066 3786

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
May 18, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order by the President at 6:01 pm

Roll Call:

Murray X (Oakland County, MI)

Chavez-Wazeerud-Din Excused

Torres Excused

Flanagan X (Oakland County, MI)

Moesner X (Wayne County, MI)

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Patricia Moesner. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye

Flanagan Aye

Moesner Aye

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.

WAY Program Executive Director Rich Klemm shared information around Madeline Black's upcoming retirement with the board and expressed his gratitude for the work she has done on behalf of the Academy. Mr. Klemm indicated they are beginning the search for her replacement and will keep the board updated.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting, April 20, 2021

Motion made to approve the April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by Patricia Moesner/Seconded by Sheila Flanagan. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye

Flanagan Aye

Moesner Aye

V. Educational Service Provider's Report /Superintendent/Director's Report

Superintendent Madeline Black shared information around the West Campus pertaining to enrollment, attendance and credit attainment and provided this with the board virtually.

Our enrollment number for April is 115. We successfully completed all four weeks of communication with 83% two-way communication. We did not enroll one 25E students this month.

In April, we provided live sessions for High School students in Math, Science, English and Social Studies, through our Pod's initiation. The Pods for our Middle School and High School students focus on getting projects completed and a deeper understanding of the concepts and skills learned in the projects.

In April, our staff focused on:

Making two-way communication
Establishing school routines with students and families
Enforcing a recurring weekly schedule
Building relationships

The outcomes are as follows and have been implemented during the month of April:

Daily Homeroom for MS and HS students
Full Live Session Schedule of Core subjects for MS and HS students through Micro school
Recurring Weekly Live Session Schedule
Daily Attendance calls for students that have not logged in.
Mini-Lesson Wednesday with strategies for reading across the curriculum and critical thinking.
Friday mentee meeting.

For the month of April, we had 71 students with zero credit. We are currently in our implementation stage of our new virtual school, as well as, following our process for intervention for students with lack of credit.

Attendance is tracked daily by students here log-in and zoom login as well as staff tracking two way communication weekly.

Points of Prides

1. April we had 2 students graduate.
2. Students on the Middle School Robotic team completed the Innovation Robotic competition

Board President Murray inquired if there will be a plan in place and shared with the board at the June Board meeting as to processes that will be put in place to work on attendance at West Campus. Superintendent Black indicated this information would be provided at the June board meeting.

Superintendent Madeline Black shared information around the Southwest Campus pertaining to enrollment, attendance and credit attainment.

Enrollment has continued to remain steady. Given the COVID-19 pandemic we have lost a couple of our students due to traveling out of state or out of the country. Students who have explained that they need to travel and don't know when they are returning. These students have promised to come back to enroll at WAY as soon as they return. Students have obtained full time jobs during this pandemic and have prioritized jobs over finishing school. We do our best to engage and encourage these students to look at the future but most of them are used to living day by day. We enrolled 2 newcomers and 1 senior that is a credit away from graduating.

Credit attainment is pretty high this month. We are 5 points under our highest credit attainment achieved this year. The month of April we did have state testing for an entire week. We also had to close the building for students due to staff being sick. Our average has been the same for the past 3 months which is exciting.

Throughout the month of April, we have been working with all students but have been focusing on the zero credit students. We went from 5 students with zeros to two students with zeros. We have been working one on one with these students and their parents. Unfortunately, one student has covid and the other just had a brother who recently passed away. Researchers have been recently more motivated to work and catch up because of they are realizing that it is almost the end of the year.

The physical lab was not open for the month of April because of spring break, state testing and short on staff in building. Our online attendance still came in close to last month's.

Points of Pride:

1. Ruben Galindo obtained 3.96 the most credit for the month of April. He started at WAY February 8, 2021, and he came from Cesar Chavez Academy High School. Ruben is in special education but here at WAY he felt like he didn't need the extra help and since he has been enrolled here, he has been able to manage on his own...attending his Microclasses, doing his work and earning credit. He says he loves it here!
2. For the month of April we had 19 Students obtain more than one credit and will receive a cool gift in the mail.
3. We had 42 Students make it to Honor Roll and they received laminated certificates. That is 35 % of the school on Honor Roll.
4. For the month of May we rolled out one on one online tutoring that both our staff and students have been taking advantage of.
5. We will be offering different opportunities to our newcomers.

Board held conversation around holding the June board meeting at the Southwest Campus. Board President Murray noted the board would like to meet in person at the Southwest Campus for the June meeting.

VI. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison 's Report

LSSU Liaison Garnet Green wanted to remind the board about the reauthorization process which will be coming up and shared additional information around this. Mr. Green shared that someone would need to be identified as the contact person once Madeline Black has retired. WAY Program Executive Director Rich Klemm indicated it would either be him or an interim person. Mr. Klemm noted once the person has been identified, the information will be shared with LSSU. Mr. Green shared the board will have a new board member who is scheduled to begin her board term effective July 1, 2021. Superintendent Black indicated she anticipated the reauthorization would be seamless.

VII. Old Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. Extended Covid-19 Learning Plans ("ECLP")

Superintendent Black shared information around the ECLP with the board and provided the information virtually as well.

B. Action Items:

1. Approve Monthly ECLP Board Resolution

Motion made to approve the Monthly ECLP Board Resolution as presented by Michael Murray /Seconded by Patricia Moesner. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye

Flanagan Aye

Moesner Aye

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. Spring Policy Updates

Superintendent Black indicated this information would be shared at the June Board Meeting.

B. Action Items:

1. Accept Spring Board Policy Updates

IX. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

Finance Committee:

A. Discussion Items:

1. Monthly Financial Report –April 2021

Thea Daniels asked the board if they would be available for a budget hearing meeting prior to the June meeting. The board indicated they would be available for a virtual meeting. Ms. Daniels indicated she would reach out to the board with potential dates for the budget hearing. Ms. Daniels shared information around the monthly financial report for April 2021 and provided the information with the board virtually.

B. Action Items:

1. Accept April 2021 Monthly Financial Report

Motion made to accept the April 2021 Monthly Financial Report as presented by Patricia Moesner/Seconded by Sheila Flanagan. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye

Flanagan Aye

Moesner Aye

X. Announcements:

Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting will be: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at W-A-Y Academy Detroit,
WAY Academy Southwest, 8701 W. Vernor, Detroit, MI. 48209

Superintendent Black wanted to remind the board that she will be emailing the ESP Evaluation and the Board Self Evaluation information to the board in the very near future.

XI. Call to the Public

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None.

XII. Adjournment at 6:34 pm

Motion made to adjourn at 6:34 pm by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Patricia Moesner. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye

Flanagan Aye
Moesner Aye

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Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of May 18, 2021 Regular meeting respectfully submitted,

Michael Murray

Board Secretary



06/25/2021

Date

Signature Certificate

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