

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

Note: March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting will be held via Zoom

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Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
March 16, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Agenda

I. Call to Order by the President at 6:04 pm

Roll Call:

Murray X (Oakland County, MI)
Chavez-Wazecrud-Din X (Wayne County, MI)
Torres X (Wayne County, MI)
Flanagan Arrive Late (Oakland County, MI)
Moesner X (Wayne County, MI)

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented by Renee Torres/Seconded by Patricia Moesner. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye
Chavez-Wazecrud-Din Aye
Moesner Aye
Torres 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.

None.

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting, February 16, 2021

Motion made to approve the February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes by Renee Torres/Seconded by Patricia Moesner. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye
Chavez-Wazeerud-Din Aye
Moesner Aye
Torres Aye

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

Superintendent Madeline Black shared information pertaining to the board reports which were posted to the board portal allowing members to review the information prior to the board meeting.

Ms. Black shared information around the Southwest Campus with the board and provided this information virtually as well.

Southwest enrollment has remained steady. Given the COVID-19 pandemic we have taken our time with dropping any researchers. We are targeting researchers who have had low attendance and credit attainment and working with them in the physical lab. Our goal is to increase engagement and secure reenrollment for the fall. We have about 19 seniors this year.

Credit attainment almost doubled this month. Our new Team Leader Ms. Mirta Denis has been working on speaking with students and parents. Her goal and priority in this position is to re-engage the students and enhance parent engagement/communication. Ms. Mirta Denis is bilingual and can relate to families because she is from the community. She is looking to bridging the gaps students and parents have that is keeping them from succeeding at WAY Academy. Mandatory lab time is still being required for those students on the zero-credit list. The students attending the micro-school seem to be achieving credit at a greater level. We are happy to offer the students the micro-school as additional support.

We are working with researchers who have struggled with credit attainment. We have also made students come into the building that have not obtained any credit to find out what the reason is.

The physical lab is now open. We expect to see an increase in attendance starting in March. Students are beginning to return to the campus.

Points of Pride:

Mirta Denis promoted to Interim Team Leader, has been with WAY for 3 years working with ELL Students. She is bilingual and from the community.

Mirta started following up with recommitments and doing her best to re-engage students the first week of February before count. She made numerous phone calls and home visits to many students.

Laura Garcia Para Pro -Bilingual will be certified teacher soon!

Count Period has been helping with attendance.

New programs coming in March. Chess Club, One on One tutoring after school, mask sewing class and in person parent meetings.

Honor Roll program has been upgrading prizes to things students would like. For the month of February, students who obtained more than one credit for the month received LED light strips and we have received a lot of feedback from the students, 22 Students obtained more than one credit in February as a result.

Board President Michael Murray shared that he was pleased to see the increase of credit attainment and is hoping this will be ongoing in the future.

Madeline Black shared information around the West Campus with the board and provided this information virtually as well.

West Campus enrollment number for February is 121. We successfully completed all four weeks of communication with 100% two-way communication. We did not enroll any 25E students this month.

In February, 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 February, the 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 February:

- 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 Wednesdays with strategies for reading across the curriculum and critical thinking.
- Friday mentee meeting.

For the month of February, West Campus had 15 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.

Points of Prides

- In February we had 56 students attained .5 credit or higher.
- In February we had 2 students graduate.
- Students completed the first submission for Middle School Robotic.
- Students repaired robot for the upcoming robotic competition and was able to operate it.
- Students in the social and emotional program has shown increase in attendance and credit.

Robotics is ongoing for our Middle and High School and will be held virtually. We hope to have the winter testing data to share with the board at the next meeting.

VI. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison 's Report

Lake Superior State University Liaison Garnet Green wanted to remind the board that their Conflict-of-Interest Forms are due by March 31st. The board should complete and return the forms to Garnet Green. Mr. Green also reminded the board that the board report card will reflect the conflict-of-interest percentage.

Board Professional Developments need to be attended by the board members. Members need to attend at least several throughout the year (2 hours of PD per year is the minimum requested). After attending any PD, the board member would only need to write a few sentences on the PD and submit that information to Jenny Peterman so that she can provide the board member with PD credit. Jenny Peterman has a list of members who have attended previous PD's and Mr. Green will ensure the list is provided to Board President Murray.

VII. Old Business

A. Discussion Items:

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

Madeline Black shared information around the ECLP and provided this information with the board. No changes since last month. We will likely see a change on this form at the next month meeting we are beginning to transition back into the physical building.

B. Action Items:

1. Approve Monthly ECLP Board Resolution

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

Roll Call Vote:

Murray __Aye__
Chavez-Wazeerud-Din __Aye__
Flanagan __Aye__
Moesner __Aye__
Torres __Aye__

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. Michigan FAFSA Completion Rates

Board President Michael Murray shared information around an article he had forwarded to Madeline Black which indicated students are not completing the FASFA correctly. Madeline Black shared information around the FASFA process with the board. She also shared that our campus sites have College and Career Readiness coaches working with both sites. One barrier determined is that parents don't want to share their tax information on the FASFA. We are going to try and work on these barriers within the buildings and with our students to aid them in completing their FASFA. Board Member Patricia Moesner shared that some parents may be afraid to share their tax information as they do not want to be held responsible for any loans. We currently have 18 seniors at Southwest and 8 seniors at West. The submission deadline for FASFA is June 30, 2021. Michigan grants are available and were due to be submitted by March 1, 2020. Community College is available and most of our students would likely qualify for grants that are available for any wanting to attend these Community Colleges. Discussion was held around trade school opportunities/scholarships available to our students. Ms. Black indicated they are looking at hosting some college/trade school events at the campus sites this year.

B. Action Items:

IX. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action
Finance Committee:

A. Discussion Items:

1. Monthly Financial Report -February 2021

Thea Daniels shared information around the February 2021 Financial Report and shared this information with the board virtually. Ms. Daniels indicated the amendment would be presented to the board at the April board meeting.

B. Action Items:

1. Accept February 2021 Monthly Financial Report

Motion made to accept the February 2021 Monthly Financial Report by Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye
Chavez-Wazeerud-Din Aye
Flanagan Aye
Moesner Aye
Torres Aye

X. Announcements:

Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting will be: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at W-A-Y Academy Detroit,
WAY Academy West, 19321 W. Chicago, Detroit, MI. 48228

XI. Call to the Public

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None.

XII. Adjournment at 6:40 pm

Motion made to adjourn at 6:40 pm by Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din/Seconded by Renee Torres. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye
Chavez-Wazeerud-Din Aye
Flanagan Aye
Moensner Aye
Torres Aye

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Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of March 16, 2021 Regular meeting respectfully submitted,

Sheila Flanagan

Board Secretary

04/21/2021

Date

Signature Certificate

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