

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

Note: April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting will be held via Zoom

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Board of Directors' Regular Meeting

April 20, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order by the President at 6:02 pm

Roll Call:

Murray X (Colliers County, FL)

Chavez-Wazeerud-Din X (Wayne County, MI)

Torres Absent

Flanagan X (Oakland County, MI)

Moesner X (Wayne County, MI)

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the April 20, 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

Chavez-Wazeerud-Din 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.

None.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

Motion made to approve the March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented by Sheila Flanagan/Seconded by Laura Chavez-Wazcerud-Din. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Murray Aye
Chavez-Wazcerud-Din Aye
Flanagan Aye
Moesner Aye

V. Educational Service Provider's Report /Superintendent/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. The information shared was around enrollment, attendance and credit attainment.

Ms. Black shared the following information around the West Campus.

West Campus enrollment number for March is 119. We successfully completed all four weeks of communication with 88 %two-way communicated. We've been very focused on the Micro School classes.

In March, we provided live sessions for High School students in Math, Science, English and Social Studies, though 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 March, 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 March:

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.

For the month of March, we had 47 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. We will be utilizing a Covid-19 Credit Recovery Program throughout the summer.

Attendance is tracked daily by student's hero login and zoom login, as well as staff tracking two-way communication weekly. We will be offering our students one-on-one tutoring sessions during the summer.

Points of Prides:

1. March we had 39 students attained .5 credit or higher.
2. March we had 2 students graduate.
3. Students completed the First Robotic competition for High School Robotic.

4. Students in the social and emotional program has shown increase in attendance and credit.

Ms. Black shared a short video with the board around the Robotics competition, and shared information/slides with the board around Caleb's Kids Program which lasted 10 weeks for some of our students. 21 total students participated in the program.

Ms. Black shared information around the Southwest Campus.

Southwest enrollment has continued to remain steady. Given the COVID-19 pandemic we have taken our time with dropping any researchers because of special circumstances they might be facing at this time. For most of our researchers their daily schedules change, and unexpected things happen for example loss of day car, employment, illness etc. Throughout the month of March, we were trying to target researchers who have had low attendance and credit attainment and working with them in the physical lab. Our attendance in the building was getting higher as the weeks progressed but with spring break and closures of the building after spring break, as well as state testing coming up the stability students were seeing has been interrupted. Our goal is to increase engagement after testing and continue to give students a consistent schedule where they can learn from the building with no interruptions. Our goal this month is to also secure reenrollment for the fall and start getting the word out to families and friends about open enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Credit attainment has stayed close to last month credit earned. Students have been more motivated to come into the building and look for support when needed. They have been able to see that quick response about any issue they might have in class, with technology or just emotional support. Our staff and students were out for spring break the last week of March so the hard work and dedication from staff and students continued from February into March based on our credit earned.

Throughout the month of March, we have been working with all students but have been focusing on the zero credit students. We will begin setting up researchers for our COVID-19 credit recovery program.

The physical lab was open the month of March. We have remained steady in attendance even if we lost a week of student engagement during spring break. We hope it will increase for the month of April after state testing.

Points of Pride:

1. New programs coming in April, students have not been signing up due to COVID. Families are more interested in doing virtual afterschool programs with material drop offs.
2. Our team has been working hard to schedule and call students about state testing. Students have been given the option to opt out if they don't feel comfortable coming into the building to test. Most of them have opt out but we will have the building open and test those who do wish to test.
3. We had 17 Students obtain more than one credit for the month of March (3 weeks + Spring Break). Students will be receiving headphones and phone stands as an incentive for going above and beyond. For the month of February, we had 22 students make the honor roll and with the short month in March I think our students accomplished a lot. Parents and students have expressed their gratitude in being recognized on a monthly basis.
4. Our top 3 students who earned the most credit this month are ELL Students.
5. Deysi Chavez earned 5.03 Credit in the month of March. She started at WAY Academy this school year after being enrolled as a newcomer at Cody High School where she felt completely lost and with no support. She loves and enjoys logging into her Micro Classes every day and working one on one with Ms. Laura.

Board President Murray indicated we should implement a reward/incentive program for those students who participate/show up for summer programs. Board Member Sheila Flanagan shared that she also would support incentives for our students.

VI. LSSU Authorizer's Liaisons Report

LSSU liaison Garnet Green Shared update on potential board applicant "Ms. Baskem" whose information has been submitted. Mr Green indicated that LSSU didn't foresee any issues and Ms. Baskem should be able to make a smooth transition to the pending board vacancy.

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
Chavez-Wazcerud-Din Aye
Flanagan Aye
Moesner Aye

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

1. Board Meeting Locations

Virtual meetings have been extended until the end of May 2021. Board President Murray asked if we have any data around students who have been vaccinated? Ms. Black shared that we don't have that information, however, staff have been receiving the vaccination. Board President Murray asked if any information has been shared around clinics at our facilities? Ms. Black indicated she would inquire on whether this might be an option for the future.

2. Modification to 2020/2021 School Calendar

Superintendent Madeline Black shared information around a Professional Development which had previously been scheduled for 4/16/21. The PD has been rescheduled for 4/30/21 and the calendar reflects the change.

3. Winter Scantron Benchmark Performance Series Data

Superintendent Madeline Black shared this information with the board virtually and provided them with a breakdown on the various benchmarks. Board President Murray shared that we'd like to move forward academically with our students. Ms. Black shared that one-on-one tutoring sessions will be offered to our students beginning on Monday. She also shared that students seem to be more engaged with the Micro School and is optimistic to see improvement on future testing scores. Board President Murray indicated he'd like to see the impact of our students who will be receiving the tutoring.

B. Action Items:

1. Accept Modified 2020/2021 School Calendar

Motion made to accept the Modified 2020/21 School Calendar as presented by Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din/Seconded by Sheila Flanagan. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

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

IX. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

Finance Committee:

A. Discussion Items:

1. Monthly Financial Report –March 2021

Thea Daniels shared information around the monthly financial report for March 2021 and provided the information with the board virtually.

2. Review Extension of Audit Firm

Thea Daniels shared information on the auditing service RFP process. The board can choose to extend the current firm for one additional year or put out an RFP for another auditing firm. Board had conversation around extending the current firm for an additional year.

3. RFP for Accounting Services – Delayed for another year.

B. Action Items:

1. Accept March 2021 Monthly Financial Report

Motion made to accept the March 2021 Monthly Financial Report as presented by Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din/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

2. Approval of Extension of current auditing firms (Rehmann) Contract

Motion made to approve extension of current Auditing Firm (Rehmann) contract as presented by Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din/Seconded by Sheila Flanagan. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

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

X. Announcements:

Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting will be: Tuesday, May 18, 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 6:55 pm

Motion made to adjourn at 6:55 pm by Laura Chavez-Wazeerud-Din/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

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Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of April 20, 2021 Regular meeting respectfully submitted,

Sheila Flanagan

Board Secretary

05/20/2021

Date

Signature Certificate

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