

Board Meeting Minutes

W-A-Y Academy Detroit

(Regular Board Meeting)

Date: Tuesday January 17, 2023

Members present: Danielle Bascomb, Patricia Moesner, Laura Chavez, Michael Murray

Others present: Jean Pashakarnis, Isaiah Pettway, Cameron Nichols, Trena Braswell, Matthew Bolduc, Mr. Green and Alexandra Guzman.

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:03 pm

Roll Call Attendance

Michael Murray (Wayne County)

Laura Chavez (Wayne County)

Sheila Flanagan (Wayne County)- Absent

Patricia Moesner (Wayne County)

Danielle Bascomb (Wayne County)

II. Approval of the Agenda

- Motioned by Laura Chavez/ 2nd by Danielle Bascomb

Roll Call Vote: Michael Murry (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y). Motion carries

III. Call to the Public:

- Read by Michael Murray -no public present/no public comments

IV. Motion List

Consent Agenda

- Approval of December 20, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

- Motioned by Laura Chavez /2nd by Patricia Moesner

Roll Call Vote: Michael Murry (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y). Motion Carries.

Board Members Angie Irwin viewed a Professional Development about Governance Webinar.

Correspondence

- None

LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report

Mr. Green shared the following:

- Annual Recon Report has been submitted. A copy of the report was sent to the board members within the last couple of weeks by Jenny Peterman. All the “C” categories deficiencies need to have a correction plan submitted by January 27th, 2023. All categories with comments will be reviewed by Mr. Green on the next site visit. Mr. Green reviewed the report prior to submitting and felt like the school was in good standing.
- Board Member Reappointments, Trustee Flanagan her Board Appointment expires on June 30th, 2023. The reappointment application that she chooses to serve again must be submitted to Mr. Green by Friday April 7th, 2023. He reminded Board President Murry about being notified via email about the process as well.
- LSSU put together some gear and swag for the board members as an appreciation. He will be dropped off by January 27th.
- Chris asked the Field Reps to ask the Management Company for the name of the lease holders’ campus. He asked Supt. Pettway for the information to be forwarded to him.

Educational Service Providers Report

Superintendent Isaiah Pettway shared the following:

Program Updates (W-A-Y Programs)

- No updates.

Enrollment Recruitment

- Preparing for the 2023 Spring Count Collection February 8, 2023. Ms. Guzman has been working with the Directors and administrative assistants to prepare for it.
- There are a significant number of 25e Students that came in and new students to be counted for Spring Count.
- Inductions are ongoing.
- The process to prepare for next school years recruitment and enrollment will begin after the spring count in April.

Academic Updates

- Currently in the testing window for NWEA. Winter phase of NWEA Testing Currently ongoing at both campuses. Please Note that this is the first year that the students take the exam and this is the second time this year that the students test. Now they will be able to provide Comparative Data for the board members to review from Fall to Winter scores. For contractual requirements, the checkpoint is Fall to Spring. Winter is the checkpoint to note that students are improving and what they need to work on moving forward.
- In the last board meeting, Mr. Pettway shared that WAY SW was already identified as a comprehensive support school (CSI). As a result of the last accountability matrix, both sites have now been identified as CSI schools. A CSI school is when the school gets a ranking of all schools in the state. Then they get rated based on percentages. The lowest 5 % of schools are called Partnership Schools where they go into a partnership with the state about how they will improve and basically become a turnaround school. The next 10% up of schools become a targeted school. They get targeted supports from the state so they don’t fall into the bottom 5%. The next group up is the bottom 20% those are comprehensive support schools. Both sites (West and Southwest) schools fell into this category. There is not a requirement like the others. For the bottom 20%, the

- state said ~~that~~ they will give those school extra funding and support so that they can continue to improve and prevent them from falling into the bottom 15/10/5 %.
- The southwest site was already receiving support. Most of it was due to the comprehension language acquisition there. The other was the school's graduation rates, which is something that WAY will always have to manage because ~~they are~~ it is an Alternative Education School. Most of the students that attend are students that have not graduated that impact their graduation rates. If students leave and go to another program and they don't finish it impacts their graduation rates. The good news is that the numbers are on an upward trajectory but because this is the first year of accountability within 3 years. They are being compared to pre covid data and numbers.
 - Supt Pettway completed the first meeting with the consultant from the state assigned to WY Detroit, Tom England.
 - The supports offered from the state are funneled through the ISD, which is Wayne Resa. Karol Paul, is the liaison from the ISD and she will be supporting both campuses this year. Last year, she was the liaison assigned to WAY southwest so there was a previously established relationship
 - They provide additional professional development, last year they helped them get a camera and will provide resources free of charge.
 - There is also additional grant funding through CSI to supplement certain things in the schools.

Personnel Updates

- No Personnel Updates.
- Supt Pettway met with Mr. Broilee from the LSSU office this past Friday on the 27B Grant.
- The state released this grant to help schools navigate the teacher shortages.
- If the school has individuals interested in getting their bachelors in education, this grant will help pay for yhe necessary classes. There is funding for these individuals to get certified through the Alternative Roster Certification or to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Education while continuing to work within the school.
- The areas of need are special education, which they are currently working through. As well as bilingual paraprofessionals and teachers for the southwest campus. Specifically, bilingual para-pros are needed at the southwest campus. The school is getting to the point where there are many students that are learning English. There are teachers that can teach the content but the paraprofessional to translate and work with students is needed. It is a critical area right now. To assist with that, the reading interventionist will also be meeting with them on a weekly basis along with the bilingual team leader.

LSSU Legislative Authorizer Updates

- Supt. Pettway shared that he is grateful and appreciative to LSSU. They have taken the lead on the 27B Grant. The school can either apply on their own or the authorizer (LSSU) can do it on the schools' behalf. LSSU is working with WAY to get this completed.
- Notice has been received that WAY Detroit was approved for 98C. Supt. Pettway mentioned he informed the board members about this grant during the October

Board Meeting. He wrote the grant and received notice that the grant was approved.

- This grant is 90% of the schools current Title I allocation. WAY Detroit will be receiving a total of \$276,000 for both campuses. This is funding given to schools by the governor to help with learning loss. Once the final allocation is received, they will put together the budget for those funds. The funds have been earmarked and the state has identified 5 categories to address learning loss and have to be spent on that.
- Walkthrough was done last week with the contractor. The management company felt that the board made a great decision by choosing the building on Joy Rd, which was the previous dry cleaners. What they did during this walkthrough was take the specs needed. The contractor will be putting together a comparative analysis to come up with a timeline for the board to be able to review and plan for it.
- A couple of things to note; the breaker is not up to code for schools, one heating and cooling unit needs to be updated and that will be the landlord's responsibility to take care of. They spoke about the energy capacity of the unit being too much. They technological infrastructure that they need is not that much as it currently has. It can be scaled back to save the school some money.
- They will be able to provide an estimate on the bathrooms, currently there are two already there. Based on the capacity of 500 individuals there needs to be at least 5 bathrooms with 4 stalls in each. The contractor informed them that based on where the current plumbing was in the available area, he didn't see it becoming a problem because there wouldn't be any structural changes to the building.
- All this information will be given to the management company by the end of the week. Supt. Pettway will forward the report to the board members.
- The reason they need this information is because they need to give a Notice of Intent to the landlords at the West Campus by January 31st.
- Pres. Murry asked if there will be unisex restrooms built.
- Supt Pettway replied he didn't know. The board currently does have a board policy that addresses that. It currently states that if there is a current non gender specific bathroom, it needs to be made available. For example, at WAY West they don't exist. However, in this instance right now where they are creating new bathrooms, they will have all 3 bathrooms. Gender specific to males, females and non-specific. The individuals will be able to use the bathrooms available how they see fit.
- They cannot discriminate by law against an individual that identified differently. That is how the National Charter Schools institution, and their board polices in the past have addressed it.
- To summarize, schools moving into a new facility need to make it available. Current schools don't have it and are not required to make one.

Director Report

Director Cameron Nichols shared the following about the Southwest Campus:

- WAY Academy Southwest has 110 students enrolled for this month.
- The grade with the highest enrollment is 9th grade. They have a total of 57 students.

- Total credit attainment for the month is 55.97. Not as high as last month but the students were on Christmas break for a week. 4th straight month with 50 credits.
- Average Credit Attainment for the month was 0.50 credit.
- The grade with the highest Average Credit Attainment was 9th grade with 0.63 credits. Most of the students coming in are listed as 9th graders, so it is as expected.
- There were 19 researchers that earned one full credit or more. They doubled their expectation.
- The monthly attendance was 46%. It was down from last month, this month the students will be required to come in 3 times a week and this will help our attendance.
- Pride of the Month: There will be a college fair next month, tentative February 20th. It will be at the southwest campus. So far they have Henry Ford Community College, Wayne County CC, Wayne State and Lawrence Tech attending.
- They have a Partnership Agreement with a mentorship program and Mr. Bolduc will speak more in detail about it.
- Parent Meeting will be in person on January 25 & 26 at West and January 30 & 31 at Southwest.

Director Matthew Bolduc shared the following about the West Campus:

- WAY Academy Southwest has 92 students enrolled for this month.
- The grade with the highest enrollment is 9th grade. They have a total of 42 students.
- Total credit attainment for the month is 34.4. Not as high as last month but the students were on Christmas break for a week. The goal was to get over 40 like previous months. Students returned January 9th which also made the month shorter for students to obtain credit.
- Average Credit Attainment for the month was 0.37.
- The grade with the highest Average Credit Attainment was 6th grade with 0.67 credits. There are only 2 6th graders that made up that total credit. The next grade would be 10th graders with 0.61 total credits.
- The monthly attendance was 43%. It was down from last month, this month the students will be required to come in 3 times a week and this will help our attendance.
- There are 4 students being enrolled by the end of this week and hope to have total 7 students next by week.
- NWEA Testing has been ongoing.
- Pride of the Month: There is a mentorship program that WAY Detroit is partnering up with. Mr. Pierce brought them together to help with students that are struggling. In addition, to support they will be able to provide a lot of free things such as iPad and computers for the students.
- They will be incentivizing students that doubled their credits.
- For Black History Month they have already started planning for some field trips coming up.

Old Business-None

New Business-

- **Strategic Planning Session-**
 - Hold for another month
- **School Improvement Committee-**

Mr. Nichols shared the following:

- Meeting will be held Friday January 20, 2023 and it will be a longer meeting because there are more goals that need to be added to the SIP Plan.
- With WAY Detroit being a CSS (Comprehensive Support School) there are additional things they need to target and add them as goals to the plan. Things such as grad rate and not just focus on attendance. There will be data being pulled to go over during the meeting to set up the goals and track them over time.
- Pres Murray asked what the next range of CSS is?
- Supt Pettway answered that it is 25-50 % is the next range up.
- They are working through now on a CSI plan and the goals will be added to the SIP plan. This will outline the areas that they will be targeting.
- The biggest area where they were identified was within their graduation rate. Questions like how do they increase their graduation rate? And over what course of time? Then that will be the schools focus.
- Board Member Patricia Moesner asked what was our graduation rate and Supt Pettway replied that it is around 30%. In Detroit it is around 50%. Across the nation it is 75%.
- Mr. Pettway started to explain the process of graduation rates. He mentioned that WAY Detroit is identified as a 5OD school and an alternative education school. There are already students that come to them that are already at risk.
- The exact graduation rate right now is 24.49 for Vernor and 22.95 for Chicago.

Board Member Application/ Reappointment Form

- Hold for another month with Sheila being absent

X. Board Committee Reports/ Comments/Action

Finance Committee:

Financials: Ms. Pash introduced the financials to the board.

- State Aid Payment Received of the amount \$142,473.54
- Monies owed to WAY Program as of December 31, 2022, was for \$98,080.83
- Accounts Payable of \$30,628.05
- The payroll cost was for \$67,452.78
- The amount transferred to Program and applied was \$98,080.83
- Accounts Payable as of December 31, 2022, is \$46,787.00
- Payroll Liabilities \$111,519.53 (Due to 3 payrolls)
- Balance from last month was \$0.
- Requested for transfer was in the amount of \$158,306.53

Action Items

Approval to Accept the December 2022 Financial Statements

- Motion to approve: Laura Chavez/2nd Patricia Moesner
- Roll Call Vote: Michael Murry (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y). Motion carries.

Approval to Accept the Mille Johnson Invoice

- Motion to approve: Laura Chavez/2nd Patricia Moesner
- Roll Call Vote: Michael Murry (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y). Motion carries.

Announcements- None

Next Meeting February 21, 2023 at 6 pm Location: WAY Academy West Campus

Laura Chavez is a member of the Southwest Detroit Business Association. The entity is the owner of the Southwest Building they currently have a lease with. Laura needs to write a short paragraph of what her conflict of interest is and forward it to Jenny Peterman and Mr. Green.

Call to the Public-No public present/no public comments

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Laura Chavez /2nd by Patricia Moesner
- Roll Call Vote: : Michael Murry (Y) Patricia Moesner (Y) Laura Chavez (Y) Danielle Bascomb (Y). Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Guzman

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes of January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting respectfully submitted,

Sheila Flanagan

Board Secretary

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