

WAY Academy of Flint
817 E. Kearsley
Flint, MI, 48503
Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting
September 19, 2019
06:30PM
MINUTES

- I. Call to Order by the President at 6:30 pm.

- II. Attendance Roll Call
Buetow X
Nelson X
Wright X
Cabine X
Spencer Absent

- III. Approval of Agenda – Board President Howard Buetow requested amending the agenda to add 2019 Spring Board Policy Updates under New Business Discussion Item #6 and Action Item #2.

Motion made to approve the agenda as amended by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Lori Wright. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

- IV. Call to the Public: None

- V. Consent Agenda

Accept Revised Minutes of August 22, 2019 Annual Meeting

Motion made to approve the revised minutes of the 8/22/19 annual board meeting by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Melissa Cabine. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved una

- VI. Correspondence: Mott Foundation mailed Focus on Flint brochures to each board member.

- VII. Old Business: None

- VIII. New Business
 - A. Discussion Items
 1. Superintendent's Report - Madeline Black
 2. Director's Report - Shelly Smith

Flint Campus Director Shelly Smith shared information with the board around enrollment, attendance and credit attainment, and provided them with a handout. Enrollment for August was 83. The current enrollment is at 96 researchers who are actively engaged. Average credit attainment for the month of August was 0.45. Total student attendance for the month of August was at 41%. We anticipate that number increasing during the month of September as summer is winding down. 10,000 fliers were distributed throughout the community in Flint. Board President Howard Buetow shared that he was able to view the billboard recently. Board President Buetow inquired on students who are not attending lab and asked if were doing online work? Ms. Smith shared we are encouraging students to come into the building in an effort to increase their credit attainment.

Points of Pride:

We hired a teacher who is working as our Reading Specialist and is doing a nice job. The Flint staff is continuing to canvas area businesses, making connections and passing out fliers. On September 10th our fliers were placed in 500 food boxes which Riverside Tabernacle was sponsoring. Our first parent meeting of the school year was held on September 10th. We've had two graduates since our last board meeting. We are continuing to market for enrollment by partnering with community outreach programs.

Board member Melissa Cabine asked if attendance is worse for Middle School or High School? Ms. Smith shared that High School is worse due to number of older students who are working. The Middle School student attendance is going well.

Ms. Smith contacted a graduate student around joining the board and will provide an update on this at the next board meeting. She is also trying to recruit another individual as well. Board President Buetow asked how students are finding out about our school and Ms. Smith indicated that it's typically by word of mouth. Board member Angela Nelson asked if we have an alumni outreach for graduates which could be used increasing publicity for our school via word of mouth efforts. Ms. Black shared she liked this idea and would inquire on creating an outreach. Ms. Black shared the board should review the website as it's updated and houses some good stories.

3. Academic Goals and Progress Report - Madeline Black

Superintendent Black shared information with the board around the campus testing, academic goals and progress. She shared a power point presentation with the board which covered growth, goals and progress. Ms. Black shared she'd like to report out on sub-groups at a future board meeting in an effort to identify indicators. Board President Buetow inquired on the testing program which allows students to test out. Ms. Smith shared the power point does not reflect this testing program results. Board Member Angela Nelson inquired on goals for increasing Math/Science areas which seem to be weak and asked Ms. Black to present out on this at the next board meeting. Board member Angela Nelson also shared that community programs could potentially offer assistance in the Science area. Ms. Black shared that she is hoping to implement games that will assist in increasing areas that are weak. Ms. Nelson shared on opportunity (BioBlitz) that is available on October 5th through scheduled field trips and focuses on chemistry and science.

4. August 2019 Financial Reports - Kelli Glenn – Not in attendance

Board took time to review the financial report handout. Board Member Melissa Cabine shared that the financial report seemed to be in order and balanced accurately.

5. Training

6. 2019 Spring Board Policy Updates

Superintendent Madeline Black reminded the board to complete their conflict of interest forms and return them to Melissa Weisburger before leaving this evening.

Ms. Black shared on the 2019 Spring Board Policy Updates with the board.

B. Action Items

1. Accept Financial Report

Motion made to table discussion on the August financial report until the September 2019 board meeting by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Melissa Cabine. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

2. Approve 2019 Spring Board Policy Updates

Motion made to approve the 2019 Spring Board Policy Updates as presented by Melissa Cabine/Seconded by Lori Wright. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

IX. LSSU Authorizer Liaison Report - Melissa Weisberger

Melissa Weisberger informed the board on an upcoming webinar which is scheduled for October 14th and all should have received an email invite. Those who are unable to attend will be able to review the session online at a later time. Ms. Weisberger reminded the board to provide her with their conflict of interest forms. She also wanted to remind the board to return with minutes with the secretary signature page when uploading to Epicenter. Board Members Melissa Cabine and Lori Wright indicated we've been following this practice for quite some time.

Board inquired as to whether or not Lawyer Jason Hasselman would be hosting a conference in the near future? Ms. Weisberger indicated the conference would be scheduled based on interest. If board is interested, they should email their interest to Melissa Weisberger.

X. Board Committee Reports/Comments: Kelli Glenn is not present today, and board member Angela Nelson shared there are changes on bid proposals that will be shared at the October board meeting. Ms. Nelson inquired on obtaining board email addresses to handle FOIA issues. Ms. Black said she would inquire on this and advise the board.

XI. Announcements: None

XII. Call to the Public: None

XIII. Adjournment at 7:21 pm

Motion made to adjourn at 7:21p.m. by Angela Nelson/Seconded by Melissa Cabine. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Approved unanimously.

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of September 19, 2019 Regular Meeting
Respectfully submitted.


Board Secretary

10/17/19
Date