

Board Meeting Minutes

W-A-Y Academy Flint

(Regular Board Meeting)

Date: October 21, 2021

Members present: Howard Buetow, Lori Wright, Kelli Glenn

Others present: Kerry Sitar, Isaiah Pettway, Shelli Smith, Melissa Weisberger

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:30pm

Roll Call Attendance

Howard Buetow (Genesee County)

Lori Wright (Genesee County)

Kelli Glenn (Washtenaw County)

Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve amended agenda: Kelli Glenn/2nd by Lori Wright
- Roll Call Vote: Kelli Glenn (Y) Lori Wright (Y) Howard Buetow (Y). Motion carries.

Call to the Public:

- Read by Howard Buetow-no public present or commenting.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021.
- Motioned by Kelli Glenn/2nd by Lori Wright
- Roll Call Vote: Howard Buetow (Y) Kelli Glenn (Y) Lori Wright (Y). Motion carries.

New Business

Board Candidate Devonte Powell

- Board President Howard mentioned how pleased he is to have him on the board
- Kelli Glenn also said that he made a good first impression and she thinks he will be a good fit. Lori Wright agreed and said she felt the same way.

Educational Service Providers Report

- **Superintendent's Report**
 - Mr. Pettway discussed the following:
 - **Program Updates:** Director of Charter Schools position has been filled. Information introducing the new Director has been sent out. Her name is Trena Braswell. He mentioned how excited he was to get her started. District Data Manager Position was offered to James Middleditch the director of WAY Michigan and is excited to work at a district level with the schools.
 - **Enrollment/Marketing Updates:** Projects: revamping the current website; google ad campaign; email blast campaign through IHEART Radio; Virtual Open House. Community Partners to boost enrollment. Enrollment as of

count day 86 students enrolled. Continue to enroll 25E students. Focus: ***Perfected online option for students looking for rigor, relevance and relationship.***

- **Academic Updates:** Professional Development Plan: Mr. Pettway said he looked into the areas that students have had learning loss. Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) learning plan has been created and implemented. It is designed to implement interventions for students learning to bridge the gap left due to covid. The next District PD on November 12, 2021 will be targeted for staff to navigate learning loss. Holly Ploch will help develop the interventions to target students.
- **Personnel Updates:** District Compensation Review (competitive market). All compensation increases have gone into effect.
- **Legislative Updates:** NEXYS-Consolidated Grants Application has opened but will remain in MEGS for 2021-2022 school year. Now that it is opened there will only be 30 days to complete the application, and if it is completed in that window it will be retroactive to July 1st 2021. LSSU has released guidance regarding completing the Public Act 48 requirements. WAY Flint has completed the template. (Requires academies are once again required to administer a state approved benchmark assessment to K-8 graders in reading and math. W-A-Y Flint currently uses PST Growth Testing and will continue to do so. We will be establishing and submitting goals to the State to meet the requirement of the law.)
- **Superintendent's Highlights:** W-A-Y Flint's team is working hard to improve attendance rates. Comradery amongst Flint staff.

Director's Report

- Ms. Smith shared the following:
 - For the month of September 2021 there were 83 students. As of October there are now 88 students. 2 New people were enrolled that mentioned they found out about the school through a free newspaper ad that was posted. She mentioned that it was interesting to hear about why they are interested in this program because they don't want their children to go in person 8 hours but they do want them to be in school some of the day. The blended program excites the families.
 - No changes in grade levels. Credit attainment, with the new systems that was implemented this month there has been a drastic change. August there was 23 credits and for September it was 68 credits. 92 % of the students received credit. The other 8 % are the 100% Virtual students. The average goal for credit attainment is 0.50 and they averaged in September 0.82.
 - Points of Pride for September, Constitution Day was celebrated there was a lesson and bingo for that day. Lab attendance averaged 80% for the month of September. Online attendance averaged 56% for the month of September. Good attendance was celebrated and there was weekly raffles and a chance to win prizes.

Treasurers Report

- **September 2021 Financial reports**

- Mr. Sitar mentioned the financial audits that are ongoing and that this is a busy time of the year. A lot of reports are due by November 1st and he is trying to get all caught up.
- He mentioned that WAY Flints audit was done when he started working for WAY. He had a follow up meeting today with the auditors about the audit. The audit will be all done and ready for them to present at the November Board Meeting. He wanted to warn the board that there was one finding. There is a 60 day rule where expenditures and revenue have to be accounted for. The auditors will go into depth at the presentation in the November Board Meeting. Ms. Weisberger mentioned that she was hearing this finding was for most districts as well and it was related to the ESSR and GEARs funds across schools.
- Mr. Sitar reviewed the checking account and clarified that it shows a negative \$35, 000 but that is not accurate. Some of it is related to the payroll that was just done and some invoices that were paid. Last time he checked did have some money and there have been transfers made through the month to cover expenses that have come up. Its mostly due to the state aid funding that is coming soon and things will be squared away by then.
- Mr. Sitar reassured the board that they are continuing making more improvements and more information by the next meeting to come.
- Board President Howard asked if at the next meeting Mr. Sitar will provide a budget status report. Mr. Sitar reassured him that he will.

Board Candidate

Merge with WAY Academy of Detroit

- Board President Howard introduced the possibility of merging the board with WAY Academy Detroit.
 - Mrs. Weisberger went into details and discussed the concern of attendance of board members. She talked about attracting and retaining board members. With the merge everything will be the same. All board members will still have their positions. The WAY Flint board will still meet at the WAY Flint site and the other board members would zoom in. As well as the WAY Detroit Board members will meet at the site and Flint members will be able to zoom into the meeting.
 - Superintendent Pettway mentioned that this was a conversation brought up to the WAY Detroit Board and their concern was them having influence in decision making in a community that they are not exposed to or have ties to. They brought up an experience in the past that they had an East location, and they were not able to make it work because they didn't have any ties to that community.
 - Kelli Glenn mentioned that she joined, participates and supports the WAY Flint Board because it has been one of her favorite campuses. Enrollment is a concern, if she was doing the financials right now and there was no covid money she would have been concerned. With 90

students she could have made it worked but it would have been really tight. There would be no room for any continuousness.

- Melisa asked that as of right now would the board like to continue having a conversation about it yes or no. She clarified that this is not a one time conversation. She proposed tableing the conversation for a year.

- Table the topic and return in one year
- Motioned by Kelli Glenn/2nd by Lori Wright
- Roll Call Vote: Howard Buetow (Y) Kelli Glenn (Y) Lori Wright (Y). Motion carries.

Training

- **Board President Howard asked Any training updates**
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- **Action Items**

- September 2021 Financial Statement
 - Motion to approve the July Financial Statement: Lori Wright/2nd Kelli Glenn.
 - Roll Call Vote: Buetow (Y) Glenn (Y) Wright (Y). Motion carries.
- Nominate Devontae Powell as Board Member
 - Motion to approve the July Financial Statement: Lori Wright/2nd Kelli Glenn.
 - Roll Call Vote: Buetow (Y) Glenn (Y) Wright (Y). Motion carries.

LSSU Liaison Updates

- Mrs. Weinberger shared the following:
- Conflicts of interest needed, it can be done online filled out and signed.
- Academic reports are being sent out
- Compliance grant came out this month, this is based on enrollment and WAY Flint was awarded \$1,200 based on \$15 per student based on last years enrollment
- Roll of a Board Member training, Nov 16 for new board members she will forward the information to Devonte Powell
- Melissa mentioned she is coming for a site visit at WAY Academy Flint on Nov 1st

Board Committee Reports

- **Policy Report:** No meeting was held

Announcements

- No announcements

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

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Lori Wright /2nd by Kelli Glenn
- Roll Call Vote: Buetow (Y) Glenn (Y) Wrights (Y). Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alexandra Guzman

Minutes Certification:

Proposed minutes of Thursday October 21, 2021 Regular Meeting respectfully submitted,

Lori Wright

Board Secretary




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