

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

**Note: September 21 Meeting will be held at West Campus
19321 W Chicago Avenue
Detroit, MI 48228**

Board of Directors' Regular Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2015
5:30 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order by the President at 5:37 p.m.

Roll Call:

Bauer ___X___
Croxtan ___X___
Irwin ___X___
LeRoy __Excused
Murray ___X___
Naylor ___X___
Wong ___X___

II. Approval of Agenda

Changes: Yeo & Yeo Auditors asked to present in October 2015. Will put on October agenda.
Request from Dr. Alexander Cintron to add discussion about Ballroom usage at Southwest.
Reginald Kirkland (Lake Superior State University) – unable to attend (Elizabeth Bauer will speak on his behalf regarding Criminal Background checks information)

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Pam Wong to approve the agenda as amended. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

III. Call to the Public

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None

IV. Presentation by Researchers and Staff

None

V. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting, August 17, 2015

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Glenn Croxton to approve the consent agenda as presented. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

VI. Educational Service Provider's Report

School Directors: Introduction of self and background. Why choose W-A-Y Academy?

Yvonne Lewis spoke on her background. Ms. Lewis comes from a student centered learning center. She is enjoying learning the model of W-A-Y and is very excited to work with students and watch their growth.

Hannah Jaber spoke on her background. Ms. Jaber comes from a blended/student centered learning center. She chose to work for W-A-Y because it's the way to go. Shared on enjoying the flexibility that is offered to each researcher and offers students a unique way to learn.

Dr. Cintron shared that both ladies were being humble, and they are targeted on students who have been deprived an education. They are not afraid to roll up their sleeves.

Comprehensive review of data:

Educational Goals per LSSU Contract
Student Achievement

Introduction of Steven Beaulieu who will be targeting our data. Mr. Beaulieu comes with an extensive background on data. He has taken both the ACT and SAT as an adult. He wanted to understand what the students were taking. Steven Beaulieu spoke on state changes that have recently been initiated. Shared on challenges of the compliance pieces of these issues. Mr. Beaulieu has a solid background in testing and data.

Steven Beaulieu shared that the state took out a bid to switch from ACT to SAT. ACT doesn't seem to meet student needs when it comes to common core standards. SAT will roll out the new test in 2016. This will impact junior students this year. Freshmen and sophomores will be taking PSAT, which will align with SAT tests for junior students. 7th and 8th graders will continue to take M-step testing. NWEA testing window is opening next week. The next window for NWEA will be late January and again in April/May. Beth Baker shared on the numerous amount of testing that goes on at West Campus. It will be nice that the students will be given somewhat of a break with the testing. Steven Beaulieu shared that 10-12 percent of W-A-Y students tested need accommodations. (Mr. Beaulieu shared on various accommodations that are available)

Dr. Cintron spoke on moving away from NWEA sometime next year. We'd like to slow roll into Performance Series testing. The Achievement Series, which is part of Performance Series, will allow staff/teachers to dig further into the data. We will be presenting our recommendations to the board at a future meeting.

Hannah Jaber spoke on handout which she shared with the board. Southwest has been awarded the MCAN grant. Ms. Jaber also shared a calendar from Amelia Duran (Community Outreach/College Access Coordinator) who is working with researchers at West and Southwest campus sites.

Southwest (5) and West (10) campus researchers will be attending My Brother's Keeper Summit, which is being held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. This is held at Greater Grace Temple. Board asked for

clarification on how researchers are selected for this program. Ms. Jaber explained the program was open to all male researchers and Southwest asked their researchers who wanted to attend. Yvonne Lewis (West Campus) indicated it was offered to developing boys within her building. Board asked that we ensure programs are offered to girls as well.

263 Enrolled/16 inductions held today. Target number is: 360

Board asked for clarification on how Southwest plans to obtain their target number. Hannah Jaber shared that she has her recruitment efforts listed on the handout. Also shared that we have a radio spot being presented in Spanish. Dr. Cintron shared on offering middle school enrollment at Southwest.

Elizabeth Bauer shared the graduation announcement with the board from the last ceremony.

Elizabeth Bauer indicated that W-A-Y would need to share information with the board requesting the board to take action on adding Middle School at Southwest. We'd need to share this with Reginald Kirkland (Lake Superior State University) and Board. Ms. Bauer indicated this could be added to the October 2015 board meeting if the information is provided to the board in a timely fashion.

Yvonne Lewis shared on events that have been held at West. West Campus collaborated with Don Bosco on an event recently, which went very well. Students were able to win prizes for bringing prospective researchers. It was good for Don Bosco to see our students in a positive light.

West Campus completed Explore testing at the end of August. First day of school West had 120 researchers in the building. 156 researchers are currently enrolled.

Dentist R US was at West campus this past week servicing students. Board shared kudos to Ms. Lewis for offering this service at the school.

BCBS Communities Healthy Lifestyle application has been completed. To move onto the next level, we have to change some of our practices within the building.

West Campus is in the process of planning count-day extravaganza. We are planning to have dance-offs, basketball playoffs, etc. available on count day.

Spoke on upcoming MDE grants that are available for students attending college in their future. This seminar would inform staff on how to access money in Michigan for these students.

Update on performance of student at West. (No Report)

Plans for Detroit Schools and implications for W-A-Y Academy Detroit (Not Discussed)

Governor Snyder's Plan
Report of the Coalition for the Future of Detroit Schoolchildren
Proposed legislation

Elizabeth Bauer asked that the board keep this on their radar, and asked that for the Board and W-A-Y to watch for any information on this in the very near future.

Parent and Student Satisfaction Surveys – Board members have asked for the number of respondents in each category at each campus. (No Report)

VII. LSSU Authorizer's Liaison's Report

Report on Sept. 3, 2015 meeting of authorizers - discussion/decision of who to receive Criminal background checks information.

Reginald Kirkland (Lake Superior State University) is unable to attend today, however, he will attend the October board meeting. Elizabeth Bauer spoke to board regarding how the Criminal Background Checks should be handled. Ms. Bauer shared several scenarios on how this could possibly be handled. This afternoon, additional information was shared from Michigan State Police on additional scenario of handling the background checks. Ms. Bauer is recommending that a board member be nominated as the recipient of this information. Ms. Naylor indicated that she would be willing to obtain this information. Beth Baker shared that we would create a school email for the board member. They would then forward the information

Motion made by Pam Wong and seconded by Michael Murray for Jacqueline Naylor be named to be recipient of criminal background information. All present voted aye. Motion carried. Michelle Sarkody will work with Jacqueline Naylor on obtaining the necessary paperwork.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. Presentation by Yeo & Yeo Auditors – Postponed for October board meeting.

X. Presentation by Peter Dewan, Lyman & Sheets Insurance Proposal for 2015- 2016

Kelli Glenn shared on the insurance proposal from Lyman & Sheets Insurance. The Board doesn't have to go out to bid for this, although the board did choose last year to go out for bid. Lyman & Sheets Insurance was chosen. Two policies are up for renewal. Policy coverage of general liability, auto insurance, umbrella coverage, cyber coverage, etc., for a total of \$19,895. We are currently waiting on the Worker's compensation coverage. WAY Academy is budgeted for \$20,000 and we should be under this amount based on the renewal amounts quoted. Kelli Glenn shared that Lyman & Sheets has been very easy to work with this past year and are responsive to our needs. Board asked for clarification on how insurance is handled when our researchers are traveling overseas. Beth Baker shared that separate coverage is obtained on the researchers thru a separate source.

XI. New Business

A. Discussion Items:

Auditors' Report (Postponed to October 2015 meeting)
Lyman & Sheets Proposal
Resolution honoring Dr. Bruce Harger
Board member reimbursement requests

B. Action Items:

Accept Auditors' Report (Postponed to October 2015 meeting)
Accept Insurance Proposal

Motion made by Patrick Irwin and seconded by Glenn Croxton to accept the Lyman & Sheets Proposal.

Motion made by Patrick Irwin and seconded by Glenn Croxton to accept the amended motion approving Lyman & Sheets Proposal for up to \$20,000. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Resolution honoring Dr. Bruce Harger

Motion made by Pam Wong and seconded by Jacqueline Naylor to approve resolution honoring Dr. Bruce Harger. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Board reimbursement requests

Motion made by Michael Murray and seconded by Glenn Croxton to reimburse Patrick Irwin's Lake Superior State University Retreat expenses in the amount of \$443.85. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

XII. Board Committee Reports/Comments/Action

A. Finance Committee:

Monthly Financial Report: accept subject to audit

Michael Murray presented the monthly financial report to the board. Audit showed one material finding which was an administrative issue, and is being corrected.

It was moved by Patrick Irwin and seconded by Jacqueline Naylor to accept the monthly financial statement as presented by Michael Murray. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Cintron shared on information he read within the board policy pertaining to building usage. Urban Neighborhood Initiatives is interested in using our Ballroom at Southwest Campus. Some of our researchers are involved in this program. Dr. Cintron indicated that Urban Neighborhood Initiatives has given us an insurance rider to use the Ballroom for an upcoming event. Kelli Glenn shared on additional insurance information that she acquired regarding establishments requesting to use our Ballroom. Dr. Cintron shared that he and Kelli Glenn are working together on this. Ms. Bauer suggested that we look at the lease to see if outside entities can use the Ballroom. Beth Baker and Glen Taylor shared that Southwest lease holder has given consent in the lease for the Ballroom to be used. Ms. Bauer asked that W-A-Y draft a form that can be used for entities requesting to use our Ballroom facility at Southwest. (Terms of usage form) Ms. Bauer asked that W-A-Y send the form to the Board one week prior to the October board meeting.

It was moved by Michael Murray and seconded by Patrick Irwin to approve Ballroom usage by Urban Neighborhood Initiatives/DNR as presented by Kelli Glenn & Dr. Cintron on October 2, 2015. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

XIII. Announcements:

- A. Next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting: Monday, October 19, 2015 at W-A-Y Academy Detroit, Southwest Campus, 8701 W. Vernor Hwy. Detroit, MI 48209. 5:30 p.m.
- B. Board member retreat, October 7, 2015, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Location TBD

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Tabitha Stanley asked for clarification on employees and whether or not we pay unemployment. Ms. Bauer shared that the board has no employees. The board has a contract with W-A-Y Program who provides employees. Patrick Irwin shared on the unemployment process within the State of Michigan. Mr. Irwin shared that unemployment is decided by the State of Michigan. Ms. Stanley shared on concerns on staff and turnover of staff over the past three years. She also shared the parental perspective on this turnover.

XV. Adjournment

It was moved by Patrick Irwin to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

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