

West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics
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Board Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2012 – 7:00 PM - Approved

- I. **Call to Order** – President Matt Butler called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM
- II. M. Butler swore John Weaver into oath of office.
- III. **Roll Call**
Present: Matt Butler (President), Vicki Stuart (Secretary/Treasurer), Leon Stille (Trustee), Carrie Tulloch (Trustee), Chad Nader (Trustee), John Weaver (Trustee)
Absent: None
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- V. **Approval of Agenda** – M. Butler made the following changes to the agenda. The festival of arts presentation will be with the Director's report, under New Business add item D, review Croskey Lanni letter. It was then stated the intention was for the board to approve the letter at the May meeting. A motion was made by V. Stuart, supported by C. Tulloch to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor 6-0.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **Board Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2012** – A comment was made regarding item B, under Committee Reports, insert the word "previously" before the word "areas" and place the word "below" in parenthesis. A motion was made by L. Stille, supported by C. Tulloch to approve the minutes as amended. All in favor 6-0.
 - B. **Public Hearing Minutes – March 28, 2012** – A motion was made by C. Tulloch, supported by C. Nader to approve the minutes as written. All in favor 6-0.
- VII. **Financial Report** – L. Johnson reported that we will present the budget for 2012-2013 at a public hearing in June.
- VIII. **Correspondence**
- IX. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Director's Report** –
 - **Carolyn Gilmore (Arts Coordinator) reported the following:**
 - o Highlights for the year include participation in Artprize with artist Anne Wiley which was sponsored by G.V.S.U.
 - o Artprize for next school year will be a sculpture totem.
 - o The Academy connected with the dance department at G.V.S.U. and some of their students taught our 3rd grade students. Our Middle School students visited a dance rehearsal at G.V.S.U. in an effort to encourage and expose our students to college.
 - o Entered in the KRIS promotion which promotes arts education. We received enough votes to win a prize of \$2000.00 which was used to help support the festival of arts and a sculpture being created by a student.
 - o We submitted an application to SEATS for Kids in Grand Rapids which helps provide all students access to see a Broadway musical. We were awarded 54 tickets to see the musical "Addams Family" which our middle school students will attend as their cast party.
 - o We had a community event at Barnes & Noble in Muskegon. There was a WMAAA performance night at which our band performed and the next day a game day put on by our preschool teachers. The school fundraiser collected over \$700.00. WMAAA received a percentage of the \$700.00, \$572.00, which was given to the preschool to fund their arts program.
 - o Next week is our spring musical, "Starmites, Jr." at Orchard View High School.
 - o We had our 10th annual festival of the arts week. We had over 40 guests, made up of volunteers and paid performers.
 - **Mrs. Cantu (Assistant Director) reported the following:**
 - o We will have our inaugural sports banquet and all board members are invited to attend.

- We are wrapping up our first real competitive season for cross country during which our boys placed 5th against all schools. One of our girls placed first out of all the runners at the recent meet.
- An anonymous survey will be sent out for feedback about the program.
- **Mr. Thomsen (Director) reported the following:**
 - We are in week 2 for the Walk for WMAAA pledge collections. In the first week we raised close to \$3,000.00. The money raised as a joint effort with the PTSO will be used to help offset field trip costs. A committee will be formed to allocate any monies left over.
 - The enrollment lottery will be Thursday, April 26, at 2:00 PM.
 - To date, we have 434 students enrolled.
 - MAP testing is under way which is used to help measure academic growth from fall to spring. These test results are what G.V.S.U. uses to set our academic grant. Our 8th grade students recently took the ACT Explorer test. This ties in with our college readiness pathway which takes kids scores and projects to see how they would do on the actual ACT test. Some results show that a couple of our students received a perfect score.
 - We received the results from the parent satisfaction survey. The results are in raw form and the only thing he synthesized were the comments which were compiled because some responses were redundant. He will be sending a student survey as well and he will present those at the next meeting.
 - We have 3 full day kindergarten sections. As a result, we will have more kindergarten students entering first grade than we have spots available. The hope was to have some classrooms built but that has been delayed. Other options presented were purchase of modulars and existing construction offsite. Members of the finance committee met with banks to discuss funding options.

B. **G.V.S.U. Report** – Dan Matthews reported there is a new compliance requirement, Conflict of Interest, which needs to be filled out by all board members. This is an annual requirement.

X. **Old Business**

A. **Revenue Streaming** – Presentation at the May meeting.

XI. **New Business**

A. **Festival of the Arts Presentation** – given under Director’s Report.

B. **Director Review 2011-2012 Update** – Some committees have been changed. C. Tulloch will head this committee. The process will be more formal and structured. T. Thomsen was asked to complete a self evaluation, John Sanford from Axios will have the staff surveys compiled next week, ready for an evaluation in June.

C. **Approval of the Best Practices Incentive Resolution** – A Service Consolidation Agreement and Service Consolidation Plan has already been sent to the MDE. This resolution states that we have met 4 out of the 5 best practice incentives which will allow us to receive a one- time funding of \$100.00 / pupil. A motion was made by L. Stille, supported by V. Stuart to approve the Best Practices Incentive Resolution. All in favor 6-0.

D. **Staff Appreciation Lunch** – C. Tulloch stated teacher/staff appreciation week was coming up and asked if the Board would provide lunch for the staff. The Board agreed to provide lunch on May 11th.

XII. **Public Comments** – One public comment.

XIII. **Topics for Next Meeting**

Approval of Engagement Letter from Croskey Lanni

Revenue Streaming Presentation

Approval of the GVSU Charter Contract SB 618

Update from the Finance Committee regarding expansion

XIV. **Next Meeting Date** – May 22, 2012

XV. **Adjournment** – M. Butler adjourned the meeting at 8:56 PM.

Vicki Stuart
5-23-12
Bd Sec Treasurer