

West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics

Special Board Meeting – Minutes - Approved

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

2:00 PM

Grand Valley State University, Charter School Office

201 Front Ave., Grand Rapids, MI

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by A. Alt at 2:11 PM
- II. Roll Call – A. Alt, J. LeRoux, M. Butler, J. Hayes, M. Sass, M. Stonecypher
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Public Comments on Proposed Agenda Topics - None
- V. Approval of Agenda – It was moved by M.. Butler and supported by J. LeRoux to approve the agenda. The motion passed 6-0.
- VI. Approval of Minutes - None
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Organizational Review Update – A. Alt updated the Board by indicating the RFP was sent to 5 vendors with three responses. The appointed committee will review the proposals and determine which companies to interview and bring back a recommendation to the Board for approval.
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Board Committee Structure – The Board committee structure will be review in 30-60 days.
 - b. Arts Program Review/Partnership – The Board is looking at various organizations with which to partner including Interlochen, Cranbrook and local organizations and museums. Toledo School for the Arts has a similar approach as WMAAA and a committee may venture there to determine their approach and partnerships.
 - c. Open Board Seat – The Board wants to make sure the vacancy meets the needs of the Academy and set a goal to fill the vacancy by December 31, 2018.
 - d. Performance Metrics – The Director is working with the staff, MDE, GVSU and others to determine the performance metrics/standards along with staff.
- IX. Directors Report
 - a. School Improvement Update – The deadline for submission of the School Improvement Plan was extended to July 31, 2018 with MDE approval. The program evaluation has been turned in and 3 more are due. Finalizing the consolidated application to align the budget with the student outcomes for the federal funds. MDE is updated regularly.
 - b. Staffing Update – Joey reviewed the current staffing issues. It was agreed that with new curricula being introduced, it would be best to avoid split classes. The Board agreed to modify class size levels.

It was moved by M. Stonecypher and supported by M. Butler to eliminate past Board Policies regarding class size and approve the grade level limits (not class size limits) as follows – Kindergarten - 80 students; Grades 1-8 - 72 students each. The Director may enroll up to 10% above the grade levels indicated and to create waiting lists consistent with the above levels. In addition, charter amendments, consistent with this motion, were also authorized and approved. The motion passed 6-0.
 - c. Curriculum Update – Joey reported that curriculum mapping was ongoing. The new math curriculum was ordered and professional development scheduled. The ELA curriculum has been ordered and professional development scheduled. Science curriculum changes will also be put into effect this year. Rather than updating the outdated Battle Creek Science the Board accepted Joey’s recommendation regarding Phenomenal Science for K-5.

It was moved by M. Butler and supported by J. LeRoux to approve implementation of Phenomenal Science for grades K – 5 for the 2018-19 school year and authorized any required charter amendments. There is no cost for this curriculum or the professional development. The motion passed 6-0.

- d. Student Recruitment/Enrollment – The Board authorized Joey to spend up to \$20,000 for advertising and recruitment of additional students.
- X. Topics for Next Meeting – NCSI follow up and update; Performance standards review; Recommendation of organizational review vendor.
- XI. Public Comments – Dan Warren indicated that GVSU is adding new schools so representatives may change.
- XII. Next Meeting Date – August 28, 2018
- XIII. Adjournment – it was moved by M. Butler and supported by M. Stonecypher to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 PM. Motion passed 6-0.

Melissa
8/28/18