

W-A-Y Michigan
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Board of Directors' Regular Meeting

Date: January 15, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order by the President at 6:07 pm

Roll Call:

Brown Absent

Donoghue X

Long X

Muscat X

II. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Amy Long to approve the January 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting agenda as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

III. Call to the Public

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of W-A-Y Michigan in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. We now invite members of the public to address the Board and share any thoughts or concerns regarding agenda items only.

None.

IV. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting December 18, 2019.

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Amy Long to approve the December 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

**V. Educational Service Provider Report
Superintendent/Director**

James Middleditch shared information with the board around enrollment, retention, credit attainment and average credit attainment and provided the board with a handout. During the month of December, enrollment was decreased by 11 researchers. We had several researchers share they were returning to traditional school in January. Additionally, we exited

several researchers that had failed their attendance and academic requirements. We have 29 applications that we are currently reviewing for enrollment.

Grade level cohorts have remained steady from November to December. We would like to increase our middle school and 9th grade cohorts in hopes of promoting longevity in the program. Presently, we have 7 applications for Middle School and 22 applications for High School.

Researcher retention decreased from 94% in November to 93% in December. We understand the importance of retention and want to continue to improve it in the future months. We hope that continuing to track retention we can make a realistic goal and connection to student achievement.

Attendance increased from 69% to 74 percent of total days possible logged in. We were happy to see our efforts to increase attendance succeed. We plan to continue our attendance liaison's work with our low login researchers.

Total credit in December decreased by about 18 credits. We believe this is in part due to the winter break. Our team has been in discussions regarding strategies for engaging researchers with low credit.

Points of Pride:

1. We have worked on improving our reclaiming of technology from exited researchers. This has led to an increase in technology returned that was outstanding.
2. WAY Michigan has begun planning for state testing in the Spring. We have updated the pre-identification for all active researchers.
3. Madeline Black, Superintendent has led the conversation to switch our Education Development Plan system from Career Cruising to Xello. Xello is the new program developed by the creators of Career Cruising. We look forward to the transition as we think it will be more engaging and meaningful for the researchers at WAY Michigan.
4. 46 percent of our researchers made it on the honor roll for December. We send out prizes of the researchers choosing for Gold (1.0 + credit) and Silver (.70-1.0 credit). Our Bronze (.50-.70 credit) receive a certificate for being on the Honor Roll.
5. Mr. Middleditch shared that he received an email from ALEX math regarding recent competition and the top three students were WAY Michigan students.
6. James Middleditch shared preliminary data around exited researchers with explanation as to why they left WAY Michigan and shared this information with the board. Board Member Amy Long wanted to reiterate her reason for asking was around the Marketing plans that were discussed at the December board meeting. She appreciated the time and effort that James put into obtaining and sharing this information.

Madeline Black inquired as to whether or not the board may want an overview of MI Data at the February board meeting. The board indicated they would like to have the overview in February 2020. Ms. Black met with Opportunity Youth Initiative that CMU put together around assisting researchers with risk factors (i.e. how to help students, how to review data, etc). We plan to work with this group in the future.

Ms. Black wanted to share information on MiPHY. This is a survey around safety, bullying, smoking, etc... given to students at different grade levels and parents. This will assist with Title IV funding in the future.

The Governor released the pupil accounting funds which we expect to receive this month.

Ms. Black and Mr. Middleditch shared information around upcoming college visits for our researchers. Board President Christine Muscat requested that college visit dates be shared with the board as they may want to attend as well.

Ms. Black inquired if any of the board members wanted to join the School Improvement Team. Board Member Amy Long indicated she would like to assist, however, she has other commitments.

Board member Jesse Donahue wanted to inquire on attendance numbers/goal numbers and how the number is derived? Mr. Middleditch addressed this question and shared how the data was acquired. Mr. Middleditch shared that 187 is the accurate number.

Ms. Muscat inquired how many exited students were surveyed with the data that Mr. Middleditch previously shared? Mr. Middleditch said it was 52 exited students that were surveyed.

VI. Treasurer's Report

A. Discussion Items:

1. December 2019 Financial Statements

Kelli Glenn shared information around the December 2019 Financial statements and provided the board with a handout. Charter School funding has been restored and will be receiving the funds retroactive. There will be some line items that will need to be tweaked in the future once decisions have been made as to the restored funding.

Board Member Amy Long inquired on the tech services line item and if the restored funding would cover this? Ms. Glenn indicated that it would.

B. Action Items:

1. Accept December 2019 Financial Statements

It was moved by Christine Muscat and seconded by Amy Long to accept the December 2019 financials as presented. All members voted with Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

VII. Correspondence: None

VIII. Central Michigan University liaison updates

Jennifer Joubert shared that it is Board Appreciation Month and wanted to thank the board for their commitment to serving on this board.

CMU is working on mission statements and they are preparing a little banner for each school with their mission statement. She shared the mission statement on the website is different than the one on the contract. The mission statement in the contract will have to be used at this time.

CMU is very interested in partnering with schools to expose all students to CMU. There are two scholarships available for students. Upon pulling data, it was determined that some WAY Michigan students would qualify. Ms. Black and Mr. Middleditch shared they had not received this information. Ms. Joubert indicated she would get this information sent to both of them. She shared we could coordinate a college visit to CMU as well.

Strategic Planning needs to be discussed with the board. This would provide a good framework for the board. Ms. Joubert inquired about winter NWEA testing and Mr. Middleditch shared this is conducted during Fall and Spring.

Ms. Joubert indicated there are monthly podcasts scheduled for the board/school staff providing helpful information.

IX. Old Business

A. Discussion Items: None

B. Action Items: None

X. New Business

A: Discussion Items: None

B: Action Items: None

XI. Call to the Public

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None.

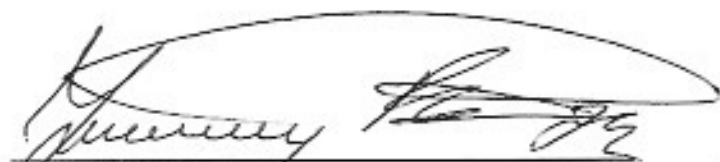
XII. Adjournment at 6:38 pm

It was moved by Christine Muscat and second by Jesse Donaghue to adjourn at 6:38 pm. All members voted Aye. There were none opposed. Passed unanimously.

A copy of the meeting minutes are available for public inspection at the offices of WAY Program, 407 E. Fort St. Suite 201, Detroit, MI 48226 within 8 business days for proposed minutes and within 5 business days of approval for approved minutes. Approved minutes will be posted on the WAY Academy's website <http://www.wayprogram.net>. Public notice of this meeting was posted as required by the Open Meetings Act. The Academy shall comply with subtitle A of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101- 336, 42 USC § 12101 et seq or any successor law. Should you require specific accommodation(s) please contact WAY Michigan offices at (313) 444-9292 prior to the meeting.

Minutes Certification:

Approved minutes of January 15, 2020 regular meeting respectfully submitted,



Board Secretary

2/19/20
Date