



Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy

MID-MICHIGAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 8, 2016
 Time: 5:30 p.m.
 Location: Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy
 730 W. Maple St.
 Lansing, Michigan 48906

Mission Statement

The mission of the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy (MMLA) is to be a provider of top-quality education to a highly diverse student body. MMLA will prepare all students for success in college, equip them with the ability and desire for lifelong learning, and strengthen their civic, ethical, and moral values. MMLA will maintain high standards of efficiency and accountability throughout its operation.

AGENDA

Call to Order 5:38 pm

I. Roll Call	Present	Absent
Mia McNeil (MM)	x	
Robert Macomber (RM)	x	
R. Robert Geake (RG)	x	
Versey Williams (VW)	x	
Nettavia Curry (NC)	x	

II. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes held on January 11, 2016

RM asks BOD to review minutes. RM motion to accept.

Motion: RM Moved: RG Seconded: NC Vote: 4 Ayes 0 Nays passed

III. Approval of Agenda (if items are added, they should be included under Other Business)

RM asks BOD to review agenda. RM motion to accept.

Motion: RM Moved: VW Seconded: NC Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays passed

IV. Administrator Report(s)

a. Financial Update: T. Monroe, from ISD, to discuss the monthly financials

TM reviews monthly financials. TM notes a savings on the utilities this year. Also, Title I, Title II, and GSRP budgets will be updated as soon as they are made available. Hopeful we won't need to borrow funds next year, will work on cash flow report after budget is adopted. TM asks Rebekah Cathey (RC) when the budget is expected. RC – internal review mid-March, Board will probably see in April, possibly adopt in May.

b. Educational Provider's report: Director, S. Shuttlesworth will review and discuss the Director's report.

Adrienne Yates (AY) reviews written EPR and academic charts. MM requests better graphs in the future. AY – looking forward to being off of priority school status soon, limiting the required amount of testing. Once removed from priority status we will keep going, keep pushing, and will not be complacent. MM asks Johnathan Trout from CMU (JT) where our base for a growth model is set. JT – all students where they've started in MAP and where they've grown. Growth number would be in different categories. We're looking for them to reach their achievement target. Recommends webinars that explain thoroughly as it is complicated. AY – we're on a fast track and looking for growth of 1.25 years +

Elvin Caldwell (EC) reviews written EPR. MMLA's new basketball and cheer teams have started. MMLA School Bank interviews went well. The Vice President of PNC Bank was impressed with our Students. We are introducing a Fill the Bus campaign and Fresh Water Fridays where students and community members can donate water and monetary donations to purchase water and help fill a



school bus to drive to Flint, MI to support their community. The bus transportation has been donated by Dean Transportation. Project Return is off to a great start with 133 forms returned so far. The Squash Squad has also been introduced as a peer group to support mediation and conflict resolution through restorative practices. These students were trained by EC and Darius Cunningham, Student Management Coordinator. SS – Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Cunningham were both received formal Restorative justice training two years ago. MM – would like to see the Squash Squad and the PNC School Bank event in the CMU Newsletter.

SS – reviews written EPR. Roofing began today. The boiler is looking for an additional part but it is working. Luckily we had some additional coverage on the boiler so a portion of the replacement has been covered. Check these local publications for our upcoming advertisements: New Citizen's Press (6 ads) and The City Pulse (4 ads). Reviews HR update from MEP Services. Reviews upcoming events.

RG – you mentioned Parent-Teacher Conferences would be different. How?

SS – basically having parents to attend without a specific meeting time to keep traffic flowing.

JT – how long has the KG Teacher position been vacant?

AY – since mind November, however we have had a long term sub in the position and a consistent fulltime classroom paraprofessional. We have now hired a teacher as a permanent position and she started last week. SS – we had the job posting out for 67 days and finally found a candidate at a job fair hosting by Ingham ISD and EDU Staff. This new teacher has 10 years of experience, 7 in a kindergarten room and we are already impressed with the attention she is getting from the students. Our last two teachers came to us by word of mouth. MM – what more can we do so people see these job postings? SS – we're attending 6 job fairs in the Spring and our grant funds request for recruitment needs has been approved.

V. New Business

a. Vended Meals RFP Resolution

RC – summarizes resolution. SS – a committee has been set to review this process.

Motion: MM Moved: RG Seconded: RM Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays passed

b. Special Education Itinerant Staff Contract

SS and BOD discusses options of exploring other options. SS recommends BOD not to terminate contract and continue with current arrangement. VW moves to take no action on contract agreement.

Motion: MM Moved: VW Seconded: RM Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays passed

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. Public Comment (*reserved for agenda items only*)

VIII. Committee Report(s)

IX. CMU Discussions: *J. Trout*

JT – discusses the board's attendance at the Strategic Budgeting meeting. The BOD found it very interesting and informative. BOD asks SS about the process SABIS and SS uses to create the budget. VW – asks if teachers and parents get to be involved. SS – we ask teachers to dream. Ask for their hopes and wishes. Each department head (pillar) brings the needs of their staff to her in order to compile the needs for the next school year. JT points out all community members, including parents, are welcome to attend the open budget meeting before the next school year's budget is adopted.

X. Extended Public Comment (*limited to 3 minutes per person on any item/matter not listed on the agenda*)

VW – voices a desire to meet with teachers directly to hear from them. BOD decides to discuss possible times this could happen after reviewing their calendars. SS – ask the board when reviewing requests not to lose sight of our plan for a high school. JT – it would be a great opportunity for strategic planning. There are currently no high school charters in Lansing. How soon do you want this? Be strategic.

XI. Adjournment 7:23pm

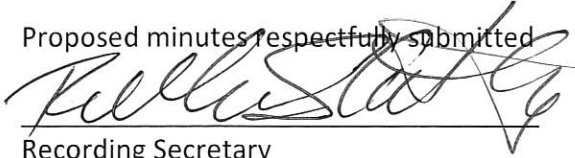


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MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Minutes from February 8, 2016 Board Meeting to be approved on March 14, 2016.

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted

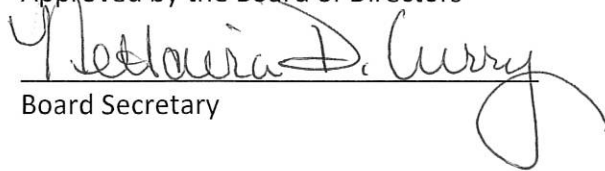


Recording Secretary

3-14-16

Date

Approved by the Board of Directors



Board Secretary

3/14/16

Date

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