



EAGLE'S NEST ACADEMY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EAGLES NEST ACADEMY

Board Meeting Minutes

Eagle's Nest Academy

Board of Directors Meeting Date: 10/20/22

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 5005 Cloverlawn Drive

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Cotton at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Glenn Cotton -Present

Kimberly Leverette-Present

Gwendolyn Muldrew-Present

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only – None given.

Approval of Agenda – Motioned and carried- G. Muldrew-Yes, K. Leverette-Yes
G. Cotton-Yes.

Approval of Minutes dated August 25, 2022 - Motioned and carried- G. Muldrew-Yes,
Leverette-Yes, G. Cotton-Yes.

Prospective Board Member Candidate: President Cotton presented candidates Ladell Lewis and LaMarcus Keels as prospective board member. Both candidates introduced themselves and express their appreciation for the board's consideration of them as candidates. The motioned was carried to accept both nominees.

Comments by Authorizer – Brook Franklin gave comments via Zoom. She shared that GVSC celebrated 30 years of the charter school movement in the state of Michigan. Out of our 72 schools that GVSU charter, there are 36,000 students enrolled. School performance reports are in November. You can check the dashboard on the GVSU website for statistically similar schools. No additional training this month. Next month will be the start of a new series called crisis communication in K-12. The training would count towards your academic grant. So, we want to continue to have board members attend the GVSU board trainings, one from a professional development perspective as board members but to it also helps to get those dollars for the school. Brook also encouraged participation in the Teacher of the Year nomination for the state of Michigan.

Dr. Leverette asked Brooke how to access the training and hours she's already taken. Brooke will get this information to her.

Management Report:

Brett Luplow of Gardner, Provenzano, Thomas & Luplow, P.C. shared the results of the audit for school year ended June 30, 2022, via a PowerPoint presentation.

Dr. L Coggins reported on the first quarter financials as of September 30, 2022. She also reported that there is a memorandum that was held in the state on September 1 of 2022 that allocates \$52 million in federal funding for Section 98 C which is money to address learning loss. The application is not up to date until November 30. But one of the requirements for this funding is that the board must have a presentation on how funding received under Section 98 C will be used to address learning loss. Further this memorandum goes and gives you four areas that you can spend money on. One of them has to do with distance learning and which does not really apply to Eagle's Nest Academy. So, we will need to ensure that we spend our money in the following three categories. One is to administer high quality and reliable assessments that can assess student academic progress and assist educators in meeting student's needs including by differentiating instruction is number one, you can also use 98 C funding for assessment. We can implement evidence-based activities can be used as a comprehensive need of students. Or three we can use the funds to provide information and assistance to parents and families on ways to support students. So, I will be applying for 98 C funding on behalf of Eagle Academy. And I will assure the board that the funds will be spent in those three allowable categories and no other way. By making this presentation to this evening, we comply with the requirement that our presentation be made before October 30.

RFP Report:

Angi Beland reported we sent our RFPs to over 20 management companies around Michigan. Mainly those that has had some success and good strong track record with serving at risk youth. Eight applications came in. A rubric was created and really started to narrow down what were the most important pieces. We have asked GVSU to run some academic data on a few applicants for review. A lot of information came out in the interviews, but we want to dig deeper and are looking at a second round of interviews. At the November meeting, we hope to have recommendations to the board.

Principal Report:

We set our enrollment goal for 150 students in the spring. We currently have 166 scholars enrolled. We do have people still interested in kindergarten. We've opened up a K/1 split. We just don't have any more teachers to teach the classes, but we have a great interest in our kindergarten and our first grade right now.

COVID-19 update - the transmission level in Genesee County has returned to low. There have been some new guidelines as far as COVID is concerned but no major changes. Masking is still optional for people.

Principal Smith shared a copy of the data dashboard. Kindergarteners and first graders are below the 20th percentile. Scholars are functioning three to five years below grade level. She presented the initiatives on how she plans to address the problem; MTSS, small group instruction, after school tutoring, etc. She talked about the supports that the school is now taking advantage of with the help of a water crisis grant through partnership with the ISD and our partnership with LEAP.

Professional development and training are happening regularly in our building. We have three certified teachers and are spending a lot of time training long-term subs that we hire or from the agency. GPS Solutions will do a needs assessment to determine the level of ability our staff has to fully understand the process. We will work to increase their capacity to meet the student's needs.

We are very excited about our parent involvement. We opened our doors back up, we've made masking optional, and now we're starting to see parent volunteers in our kindergarten and our K/1 classrooms. We had our first parent meeting and we're very frank with parents in telling them that we need their help. We're being very specific about what we want parents to help children with at home this year. And the parents are responding.

Mr. Donovan Wilson, one of our paraprofessionals passed away unexpectedly. We were intentional in our support of his family.

Action items: The board nominated both candidates, Ladel Lewis and LaMarcus Keels to become members of the ENA board of directors.
Motioned carried.

Public Comment on action items: None

Board Comment on Non-Agenda Items or Board Member Round table: None

Adjournment: The board adjourned at 7:13p.m.

Next meeting date/time: Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved:



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