

Muskegon Covenant Academy
125 Catherine Ave, Muskegon, MI 49442
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Board Meeting
MUSKEGON COVENANT ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: October 19, 2021
Time: 12:00 P.M.
Location: 125 Catherine Ave, Muskegon MI 49442

MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: Regular Special Proposed Approved

A. Call to Order – Asaline Scott called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM

B. Roll Call

Asaline Scott, President	X Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Donna Secor-Pennington, Vice President	X Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Jim Fisher, Treasurer	X Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
John Selmon, Secretary	X Present*	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent *via ZOOM
Goeff Hansen, Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	X Absent

Other Attendees:

Sam Joseph, Founder	Dan Matthews, CAF
Matt Cawood, GVSU	Amanda Acker, Director of Academic Progress
Chris McGuigan, Legal Counsel	Mia Clark, MCA School Leader
Gretchen LaHaie, CAF	Tonya Landis, MCA Board Recording Secretary
Brad Coon, MCA Supervisor of Academic Progress	

C. Public Comment on Agenda- None

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Jim Fisher motioned to approve the agenda

Support: Donna Secor-Pennington seconded the motion **Ayes: 3 Nays: 0**

E. Approval/Acceptance of Standard Business

a. Approval of the following Meeting Minutes:

i. Regular Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2021

Motion: Jim Fisher motioned to approve the board meeting minutes

Support: Donna Secor-Pennington seconded the motion **Ayes: 3 Nays: 0**

b. School Report

- i. Mission Points of Pride-(Mia Clark-Grissom)** Enrollment is currently at 159. On average there are 25 students a day attending in the building. Count day enrollment was 155 trying to recover 28 students. Staff are spending more time in the community, reaching out to apartment complexes. The mentoring program has begun. Students are utilizing the daycare with the YMCA. Shared a student success story of a student that has turned her life around; has been attending school regularly and using the daycare.
- ii. Barriers Report-(Dan Matthews)** The biggest challenge to students not coming into the building is that the students are working.
- iii. Progress Update -(Mandy Acker)** Introduced Brad Coon, who shared his experiences with the board. The academic revamp took place over the summer and the overall feedback from

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staff and students have been positive. A schoolwide reading initiative is going on in all classrooms that breaks the students down into reading level groups. TWI's have moved to only one/week. The average attendance has steadily increased every month since August.

iv. Financial/Personnel Update: (Gretchen LaHaie)

1. Money moved into a savings account is earning high interest. The audit is going well and the auditors will report their results at the December board meeting.
2. Hired four new staff and MCA continues to have the two ongoing positions posted.

v. GVSU Update: (Matt Cawood)- The virtual board training has started and will be done every month for board members to attend.

vi. Legal Update: (Chris McGuigan)- Will need to vote on the amended management contract at the next board meeting.

Jim Fisher made a motion to agree to the concept of the agreement.

Donna Secor-Pennington seconded the motion. **Ayes: 3 Nays: 0**

F. Correspondence-None

G. Old Business-Approval to amend the 21-22 MCA School Calendar

Motion: Donna Secor-Pennington motioned to approve the amended calendar

Support: Jim Fisher seconded the motion **Ayes: 3 Nays: 0**

H. New Business-none

I. Committee Reports - Mentoring Pilot Program - mentoring/counseling with 5-10 students with Cedric Scott has begun. Ignite Program - career placement for students and the committee is working to find out roles. The Exit Program-trying to start working with them. Covenant Hall update- next step is to get contractors to bid on renovation.

J. Discussion - Previously discussed in Legal Updates.

K. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - Discussion on new board members possibilities

L. Reminder of Next Board Meeting - Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 12:00 PM

M. Adjournment

Motion: Jim Fisher motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Support: Donna Secor-Pennington seconded the motion

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 P.M.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Board Secretary/Recording Secretary

Date

Approved by the Muskegon Covenant Academy Board of Directors on December 7, 2021.

Board Secretary

Date

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