Wayne Preparatory Academy

 Board of Directors Meeting

November 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

I. OPENING

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Mr. Scott Mackey @ 5:34pm
   1. Present representing the Board were Scott Mackey, Amanda Wells, Charles Gaylor, Donna Scott, & Attorney Glenn Barfield.
   2. Present representing staff and administration were Mr. John Twitty, Ms. Natalie Barber, Ms. Rebecca Whittle, Ms. Tanya Boudreaux, Mr. David Moore, Ms. Nancy Truhan, Dr. Tina Hinson, Ms. Sheena Fletcher, & Mr. Anthony Wright
   3. Present representing parents were Ms. Skye Karr & Ms. Jennifer Moore
2. Notification of Conflicts of Interest
   1. Board members are reminded that it is our duty to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest as we handle the work of the Board. Does any member of the Board know of any conflict of interest or any appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before us at this meeting? If so, please state them for the record. If during the course of the meeting you become aware of an actual or apparent conflict of interest, please bring the matter to the attention of the Chair. It will then be your duty to abstain from participating in discussion on the matter and from voting on the matter.
      1. Notice was read by Amanda Wells
      2. No conflicts were noted.
3. Motion to approve the Agenda as Business Order of the Day
   1. Motion made to change approval of minutes to read September and October, open and closed minutes by Charles Gaylor, and seconded by Amanda Wells. There was no debate or alterations brought forward. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Approval of Minutes- September and October 2023, open and closed.
   1. Motion made by Charles Gaylor and seconded by Amanda Wells. There was no debate or alterations brought forward. The motion passed unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. ThinK-12 Discussion
   1. Demo and discussion is scheduled for November 28th @ 1:30pm via Zoom
   2. ThinK-12 is an engagement and enrollment driver for Charter Schools

III. ACADEMICS

1. 2023-2024 Enrollment Update
   1. Current enrollment is at 929. ADM number provided to DPI was 940.
   2. A meeting with Acadia has been scheduled for December 13th to clarify last year’s budget and adjust the current year’s budget.
   3. Amanda Wells mentioned doing an Open House prior to lottery opening to drive enrollment.
      1. Advertise via billboard.
2. Principals Update/Academic Update
   1. Ms. Fletcher, middle school principal, stated current topics of discussion are on leadership, social media conflict resolution, absenteeism, and truancy.
      1. Middle school is working with teachers on deescalating conversations and taking a more pro-active approach.
      2. Ms. Fletcher has spoken to many parents.
      3. Middle school has also started intervention groups to build on standards.
   2. Mr. Wright, high school principal, discussed that absenteeism is getting better.
      1. High School exams will start December 13th.
   3. Mr. Twitty stated them School Improvement Plan is due to OCS in December
      1. WPA is maintaining its goals.
      2. WPA has grown 8 points from last year; after losing 14 points.
         1. Goal is to get an additional 8-10 points.
      3. Saturday Academy has 32 scholars attending currently.
   4. Dr. Hinson, elementary principal, stated they have implemented the MTSS Tier 2 plans. Along with meeting with parents to pair with interventionists
      1. One interventionist is working on gaps and one on proficiency.
      2. There are still some students who are two grades or below.

IV. FINANCE

1. Account Updates
   1. Ms. Natalie Barber provided account updates that were reviewed by the board.
   2. The 401K company transfer is going smoothly.
   3. Mr. David Moore would like to be on the next board meeting agenda to speak about streaming sports events with Mr. Mark Stevens.
   4. Ms. Amanda Wells brought up the need to contact bank about change.
2. EOY 2022 Budget Update

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Account Updates

VI. OPERATIONS

1. Community Relations update was provided by Ms. Skye Karr
   1. Family Movie Night will be held Friday December 1st at 6:00pm in the middle school gym.
      1. Event is free, but concessions will be sold.
      2. Movie shown will be The Grinch from Netflix
   2. The movie night let to a discussion about a possible copyright violation.
      1. Mr. Charles Gaylor and Mr. Glenn Barfield discussed getting a subscription to get rights for the school.
   3. For December, a hot chocolate bar is being organized for the senior class and staff.
   4. Currently have around 8 people attending the meetings.
   5. Next meeting is on December 14th.
   6. The book fair was successful.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

1. Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss matters that are privileged and confidential under state or federal law, to discuss matters that are protected under attorney-client privilege, and to discuss personnel matters.
   1. Motion made by Mr. Charles Gaylor and seconded by Ms. Donna Scott at 6:15 pm. The motion passed unanimously.
   2. Motion to return to open session was made by Ms. Donna Scott and seconded by Mr. Charles Gaylor at 6:59 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Any motions to be heard resulting from Closed Session- None at this time.

IX. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Ms. Amanda Wells at 7:00 pm, seconded by Mr. Charles Gaylor. The motion passed unanimously.