



## **MERRITT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Mission Statement**

**“The mission of Merritt Academy is to instill in its students academic excellence, character development, a love for lifelong learning and service to others.”**

### **AGENDA MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING – March 24, 2022**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Merritt Academy**

**59900 Havenridge**

**New Haven, Michigan 48048**

### **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

Karen Bochatyn  
Jean Dery  
Karen Boska  
Amy White-Jones  
Daniel VanDeKerkhove

### **Approval of the Agenda**

The Board will either approve the agenda as presented or amend the agenda with the approval of the Board

### **Call to the Public**

The meeting is a meeting of the Board of Directors in public for the purpose of conducting the Academy's business and is not considered a public community meeting. Those that may wish to address the Board on agenda items only may do so at this time by being recognized by the chair. There will be a second Call to the Public near the end of the agenda where interested parties may address the Board on any items of their choice. Those that request to address the Board have a maximum of

three minutes in which to speak.

**Consent Items**

Approval of the minutes from the February 24, 2022

Approval of the Board's Treasurer's Report from February 2022

**Educational Service  
Provider's Report**

Reports from Dan Schluckbier, Director of Education TRG and Nate Seiferlein, Principal.

**Board Correspondence**

None

**Discussion Items**

**Content Review Committee**

My intent would be to pitch the idea of such committee to the board at this meeting (*\*still early-in-concept, receptive of all insights and suggestions*), with understanding that establishment of such committee would not be voted on until April or likely even further into summer months [after all details of membership, meeting frequency, scope, authority *or lack thereof*, expectations, etc were agreed upon by The Board] with further understanding that *[if approved]* such committee would not actually be formed and implemented until yet even later in the year after announcements for applicants would be made to staff and parents, with invitation to apply for committee membership.

The basic concept for this committee would be for a (5? 7?)-member committee composed of parents, staff, and board member/s to convene [monthly? quarterly?] with purpose of reviewing existing [*and to the extent reasonably feasible, possibly future-considered*] texts and other school/class materials, with intent to offer reports to The School Board and Administration the committee's findings of material suitability as relates to potentially-objectionable content (examples could include be would not necessarily be limited to: sexual nature, pro/anti-religiously-insistent insinuations, pro-anti-political ideologies, contextual and proportional accuracy and appropriateness of material, etc). I think the committee should primarily serve in a proactive capacity, with intent of primarily reviewing materials before any objections should arise - but would surely

think it be appropriate that the committee be apprised of any [if any] content-suitability objections brought forth by parents, and somehow serve or compliment in a long-term reactive capacity as well.

After discussion with personnel and consideration of the matter, I would lean against giving such committee any binding authority, but would rather imagine giving them a suggestive role, with The School Board and Administration having the final say over actionable responses to findings.

#### Review and Meet Board Applicants

#### **Action Items**

Approval to recommend applicants to SVSU

#### **Board Committee Reports/Board Individual Comments**

Board Members will have an opportunity to present any committee reports or make personal comments of their choice.

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#### **Announcement/ Upcoming Events**

The next Regular Board of Director's meeting will be held on April 28, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at Merritt Academy.

#### **Adjournment**

These meetings of the Board of Directors are in public for the purpose of conducting the school's business and are not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during each meeting as indicated in the agenda.

Upon request to the academy office, the academy shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with a disability to be able to participate in this meeting.