



MERRITT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mission Statement

"The mission of Merritt Academy is to instill in its students academic excellence, character development, a love for life long learning and service to others."

Approved Minutes

REGULAR MEETING – September 29, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Merritt Academy

59900 Havenridge

New Haven, Michigan 48048

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Boska at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call

K. Boska- present
J. Dery-present
C. Zettle-present
K. Bochatyn-present
D. VanDeKerkhove-present

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member Dery to approve the agenda

YES – 5 NO – 0
Motion carried.

Call to the Public

6 people present

Consent Items

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member Zettle to approve the August 25, 2022 minutes

YES – 5 NO – 0
Motion carried.

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member Dery to approve the Board's Treasurer's report from August 2022 with pending clarification next month on forecast change amount

YES – 5 NO – 0

Motion Carried.

ESP/Principal Report

Nate- Oct 7th is half day where teachers will be involved in PD for data digs and HMH, conferences Oct 12 and 13 back to normal, parking lot has improved with staggering and moving busses, new lunch procedure in place-students getting served hot food and positive feedback on alternative options, it is homecoming week with game tomorrow at 4:30, 7/8 camp next week, fall festival is Oct 21, Washington DC trip is oct 25-28

Question- can we repaint arrow and lanes in elementary parking lot and extend corner in high school lot

Tracy- monthly character education traits, October is bullying K-1 will be doing activity based on the book Billy Bully and 2-5 will be doing activity based on The Juice Box Bully; November is responsibility K-1 will be doing story and responsibility bug page, 2-5 will be doing scoot activity on responsibility

Dan-explained why we had to close on Sept 22nd with fire system in high school, applied for additional grants in mental health left over ESSAR money (talking about additional counselor) and school safety is federal money (talking about a school resource officer), monitoring some sister schools that are using a metal detector/weapons detection system

Board Correspondence

None

Discussion Items

Champions-lack of communication on school and Champions, price increase is almost triple, parents have to update scheduling every Wednesday or they are charged next week, talked about high drop in rate, discussed length and terms of contract, a daycare for staff was suggested

Dan is going to see about modifying drop in fee
Keep as discussion item for next month

Bullying- process reexplained with clarification on the a to z of logging and tracking of process to watch for patterns of behavior, now restorative practice is always a piece of the process, form has already been used this year

Share with students during October that bullying is being reported more, and tracked differently to identify patterns of behavior and appropriate actions

Action Items

Motion by Member Bochatyn, seconded by Member VanDeKerkhove to approve the public act 48 goals

YES – 5 NO – 0

Motion Carried

Board Committee Reports/Board Individual Comments

- board asked if cap on TRG fees for aging summary
- how are new staff doing? Hit the ground running
- discussed times of January, February, and March meetings (action item next month to change March to morning)
- 37 members of MVP working on picture day, boo grams, and trunk or treat

Call to the Public

-latchkey is unaffordable – explore co-op program. Provide list and transportation to local daycares

Motion by Member Dery, Seconded by Member Bochatyn to move the October 27, 2022, meeting to 8:00 am

YES – 5 NO - 0

Announcement/ Upcoming Events

The next Regular Board of Director's meeting will be held on October 27, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at Merritt Academy.

Adjournment

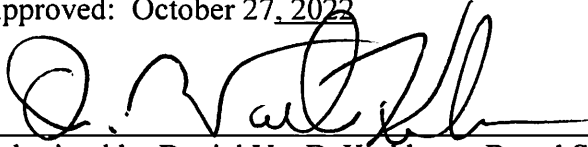
Motion by Member VanDeKerkhove, seconded by Member Dery to adjourn the meeting.

YES – 5 NO – 0

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

The above minutes were duly adopted by the Merritt Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed open meeting held on October 27, 2022, at which a quorum was present.

Approved: October 27, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. VanDeKerkhove', written over a horizontal line.

Submitted by Daniel VanDeKerkhove, Board Secretary

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