



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 – October 27, 2022

8:00 a.m.

Merritt Academy

59900 Havenridge

New Haven, Michigan 48048

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Member Dery at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Member Zettle, seconded by Member VanDeKerkhove to approve the amended agenda (audit at different spot)

YES – 3

NO – 0

Motion carried.

Audit Presentation good-12% in fund, 53% spent in classrooms, had to do a single audit because over \$750,000 in federal money

Call to the Public

8 people present
-concerns on the COVID vaccine for students and safety and they do not want it mandated for students

-Champions and the high cost

Consent Items

Motion by Member VanDeKerkhove, seconded by Member Zettle to approve the September 29, 2022 minutes

YES – 3 NO – 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Member By VanDeKerkhove seconded by Member Zettle to approve the Board's Treasurer's report from September 2022

YES – 3 NO – 0

Motion Carried.

ESP/Principal Report

Nate- bullying report (Nate does HS/MS and Miss D'Agostin does elementary) 11 reports have been made with them ending in restorative practice, form is making more thorough and allows for more control to identify repeat offenders; 30/35 high school kids in Washington DC; Scholastic book fair this week, elementary Halloween parade on 10/31, band concert on 11/3, and half day pd for staff on 11/8.

Dan-very detailed mapping of facility for security and first responders, grants for Macomb County Sherriff resource officer hopefully starting January 1 costing us about \$20,000; grants with explanation of 98C, use of HMH Waggle application K-8 to be used 3:30-4:30 not sure how many days a week need to survey parents to see interest

Board Correspondence

None

Discussion Items

NWEA/M-Step Presentation

-comments about out performance of state and county

-students still not where we want them in terms of proficiency

Champions-could lower cost if more students attended but can't get a definite, program does do tutoring and structured programs, \$15 for a half day on top of cost, staff is working with families

CDC's Updated Vaccine Recommendation and what it means for student enrollment

- Member VanDeKerkhove presented a resolution to show board is not in favor of mandates of vaccine, discussion about likelihood it would be mandated
- Dan explained we have to have 90% vaccinated or waived to continue state aid
- drive-thru easy to get waiver from health department

Action Items

Motion by Member VanDeKerkhove, seconded by Member Zettle to approve changing March meeting to 8:00 am

YES – 3 NO – 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Member Zettle, seconded by Member VanDeKerkhove to approve acceptance of audit letter

YES – 3 NO – 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Member Zettle, seconded by Member VanDeKerkhove to approve MICIP Plan/98C

YES – 3 NO – 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Member VanDeKerkhove, seconded by Member Zettle to approve winter athletic budget

YES – 3 NO – 0

Motion Carried

Board Committee Reports/Board Individual Comments

-MVP's helped with picture day and trunk or treat, possibly mom to mom sale and Santa shop

Call to the Public

-information on vaccine and hazards of it
-parking lot and cars waiting on Havenridge in afternoon and concerns about possible accidents in the future

Announcement/ Upcoming Events

The next Regular Board of Director's meeting will be held on November 17, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at Merritt Academy.

Adjournment

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

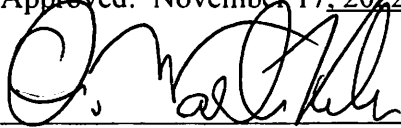
YES – 3

NO – 0

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

The above minutes were duly adopted by the Merritt Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed open meeting held on November 17, 2022, at which a quorum was present.

Approved: November 17, 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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