

*Wellspring Preparatory High School
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7:30 am*

Meeting held at:

Wellspring Preparatory High School
1031 Page St NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	PRESENT	UNABLE TO ATTEND
Janice Hidalgo – Secretary-Treasurer	X	
Juan Olivarez – Vice President		X
Pat Sandro – President	X	
Sheryl Siegel - Director	X	
Fred Slade - Director		X

Non-Board Members Attending:

- 1) Dave Angerer – Director of Educational Services, PrepNet
- 2) Les Albert – Field Representative, BMCC
- 3) Jessica Knoth – Principal, Wellspring Prep
- 4) Sean McAnally – Board Relations, PrepNet
- 5) Tim Morris – Field Representative, BMCC

Guests:

- 1) Molly Feldman – Teacher and Behavior Coach, Wellspring Prep
- 2) Evan Meekhof – Student, Wellspring Prep

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sandro called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments on agenda items were given.

4. BOARD APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Hidalgo and supported by Ms. Siegel to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. School Leadership Report

Ms. Knoth introduced the Board to Ms. Feldman, a Spanish teacher and the Behavior Coach at Wellspring Prep. Ms. Feldman shared her background and efforts as Behavior Coach to promote a positive and supportive learning environment. One initiative being implemented is Wolf of the Week, where a student is identified who exemplifies the qualities expected of all students at Wellspring Prep.

Ms. Feldman introduced this week's Wolf of the Week, Mr. Evan Meekhof. Mr. Meekhof introduced himself to the Board as a junior at Wellspring Prep who is taking three Advanced Placement courses and is involved in cross-country and basketball. Ms. Feldman and Mr. Meekhof responded to questions from the Board. The Board thanked them for coming.

As part of her leadership report, Ms. Knoth responded to questions from the Board about the ongoing transitions with the state assessment and attrition among graduating cohorts.

b. Board Fund Report

The Board reviewed the Board Fund Report showing an available balance and activity through March 3, 2015.

Per request from the last meeting, Mr. McAnally provided additional detail on the 2015 National Charter Schools Conference in New Orleans. The Board discussed the opportunity and Ms. Siegel expressed an interest in attending.

A motion was made by Ms. Hidalgo and supported by Ms. Siegel to add a Board Fund Resolution as Action Item 9e. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Mr. Morris and Mr. Albert presented the Board with a recorded Audit Review of the 2013-14 audited financial statements. They took questions from the Board regarding Wellspring's financial position and performance relative to other charters in the Bay Mills portfolio; they promised follow-up at the next Board meeting.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Revision to the Medical Health Policy

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed revisions to the Medical Health Policy. Mr. McAnally explained the revisions are reflective of changes to state law, and that the language was provided by the Board's legal counsel, Joe Urban.

b. Matriculation Agreements

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed Matriculation Agreement Resolution and supporting documents. Mr. McAnally explained that many students currently matriculate to

Wellspring Prep from these schools; these agreements would strengthen those connections and guarantee enrollment preference should a lottery be needed in the future.

c. Facility Discussion

The Board requested an update from PrepNet on the progress toward evaluating enhancements to the school facility. Mr. Angerer stated that PrepNet has engaged an architectural firm. The firm has visited the school and begun laying out options with PrepNet. Mr. Angerer looks forward to presenting the results of this initial analysis at an upcoming meeting.

8. ANTI-BULLYING POLICY HEARING

A motion was made by Ms. Hidalgo and supported by Ms. Siegel to suspend the regular meeting and open the Anti-Bullying Policy hearing. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Sandro opened the Anti-Bullying Hearing at 8:43 a.m.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed revisions to the Anti-Bullying Policy. Mr. McAnally explained the revisions are reflective of changes to state law regarding cyberbullying, and were drafted by the Board's legal counsel, Joe Urban. Ms. Knoth and Mr. Angerer stated that it has been the school's practice under the student code of conduct to investigate and respond to allegations of cyberbullying, as the previous policy included "electronic communication". This revision simply makes the reference to cyberbullying explicit in the policy.

Mr. Sandro provided an opportunity for public comment on the proposed changes to the Anti-Bullying Policy. No public comments were given.

A motion was made by Ms. Siegel and supported by Ms. Hidalgo to close the Anti-Bullying Policy Hearing and resume the regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Sandro closed the Anti-Bullying Hearing at 8:48 a.m.

9. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the February 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Siegel and supported by Ms. Hidalgo to approve the February 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Approval of the Matriculation Agreements Resolution

A motion was made by Ms. Hidalgo and supported by Ms. Siegel to approve the Matriculation Agreements Resolution as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Approval of the Revisions to the Anti-Bullying Policy

A motion was made by Ms. Hidalgo and supported by Ms. Siegel to approve the Revisions to the Anti-Bullying Policy as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

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d. Approval of the Revisions to the Medical Health Policy

A motion was made by Ms. Hidalgo and supported by Ms. Siegel to approve the Revisions to the Medical Health Policy as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

e. Approval of the Board Fund Resolution

A motion was made by Ms. Hidalgo and supported by Ms. Siegel to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,920 for Sheryl Siegel to attend the 2015 National Charter Schools Conference. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. McAnally was to follow-up with Ms. Siegel to initiate the arrangements.

10. BOARD COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Hidalgo shared a parent concern related to her in conversation about the AP Physics online course. Mr. Angerer explained that it is the school's preference to offer courses in-person where there is student interest and an available, qualified, and certified teacher. In this case, while student interest was sufficient, a properly certified and AP-trained physics teachers was sought but ultimately not available; as state law allows students to seek courses outside the school's curriculum in an online context, AP Physics is offered online via a third-party provider this year.

Ms. Hidalgo relayed a question she received about where funds raised by out-of-uniform days go. Ms. Knoth responded that the funds are managed by the Student Council and mostly goes to support keeping the ticket price for Prom as low as possible.

Mr. Sandro reminded the Board that Dr. Olivarez's term expires on June 30. He spoke for the Board in saying how much the Board values his contributions to the Board and the school, and would encourage him to seek re-nomination if he so desires and as his busy schedule allows.

The Board discussed the date of the next meeting, which is currently scheduled during Spring Break. By consent, the meeting date was to be moved to Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. with PrepNet to notify the other Board members, BMCC, and post notice at the school.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were given.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 a.m.
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Officer of the Board Signature