

*Wellspring Preparatory High School
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 1, 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:

- Les Albert – Field Representative, BMCC
- Dave Angerer – Director of Educational Services, PrepNet
- Patience Gwion – Wellspring Prep Student
- Jessica Knoth – Principal, Wellspring Prep
- Mary Masula – Wellspring Prep Parent
- Sean McAnally – Board Relations, PrepNet
- Tim Morris – Field Representative, BMCC
- Cindy Pointe – Wellspring Prep Parent
- Dave Sarkipato – Wellspring Prep Math Teacher

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sandro called the meeting to order at 7:32 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. Siegel and supported by Mr. Slade to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. School Leadership Report

Ms. Knoth presented the School Leadership Report. She introduced Mr. Sarkipato, Wellspring Prep math teacher. He spoke to the Board about his teaching philosophy. Ms. Pointe and Ms. Masula spoke highly of him, and the Board thanked him for serving students at Wellspring Prep and for introducing himself to the Board.

Ms. Knoth introduced Patience Gwion, who was selected as the Wolf of the Week. She shared with the Board her story as the daughter of immigrants from Liberia and the importance of staying positive and relying on all the support resources available at the school. The Board thanked Ms. Gwion for sharing with the Board.

Ms. Knoth presented and the Board discussed current enrollment and new applications for 2015-16.

i. Comprehensive Needs Assessment

The Board discussed the Comprehensive Needs Assessment as presented by Ms. Knoth. The assessment covered areas such as enrollment and attendance, student achievement by cohort and subgroups, and survey feedback from students, parents, and staff. Ms. Knoth shared highlights, challenges, and anticipated strategies to address growth areas.

Ms. Knoth finished her report with the Senior Spotlight, noting two recent scholarships awarded to graduating Wellspring Prep students. The date and location of the Commencement ceremony was also announced.

b. Board Fund Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Fund Report showing activity through March 24, 2015.

6. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Mr. Morris provided the Board with an update on comparative metrics from last month's audit review.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Proposed 2015-16 School Calendar

The Board discussed the proposed 2015-16 school calendar. It was noted that the school year begins late this year due to the timing of Labor Day, as well as the new requirement for a higher minimum number of instructional days.

b. Facility Discussion

Mr. McAnally stated that discussions with the architect continue to find viable options for the site. Ms. Knoth shared an opportunity that presented itself to hold home games at the Kuyper College fieldhouse in the 2015-16 school year.

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the March 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Hidalgo and supported by Mr. Slade to approve the March 11, 2015 meeting minutes as amended to correct the adjournment time. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Approval of the 2015-16 School Calendar

A motion was made by Ms. Siegel and supported by Mr. Slade to approve the 2015-16 school calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. BOARD COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

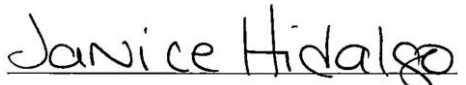
Ms. Siegel reiterated her appreciation for Ms. Gwion visiting the Board and sharing her experience. Mr. Sandro echoed the comment and thanked Ms. Knoth for having students attend each Board meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were given.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.


Officer of the Board Signature