

*Wellspring Preparatory High School
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 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		X
Pat Sandro – President	X	
Sheryl Siegel – Vice-President		X
Fred Slade - Treasurer	X	

Non-Board Members Attending:

- 1) Dave Angerer – Director of Educational Services, PrepNet
- 2) Jessica Knoth – Principal, Wellspring Prep
- 3) Mark Lemoine – Board Member Candidate
- 4) Sean McAnally – Board Relations, PrepNet
- 5) Tim Morris – Field Representative, BMCC
- 6) Cindy Pointe – Wellspring Prep Parent

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments on agenda items were given.

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. School Leadership Report

Ms. Knoth provided an enrollment update, stating the proportion of returning students is higher this year than in the past. She presented and the Board discussed the annual Bullying and Harassment Report. The Board also reviewed and discussed NWEA assessment and Advanced Placement (AP) exam results for 2014-15. Ms. Knoth provided a staffing update and answered questions from the Board about staff transitions. She and Mr. Angerer stated that the school leadership team and PrepNet have engaged an architect and are beginning discussions of options for enhancing the facility.

b. Board Fund Report

The Board reviewed the Board Fund Report showing activity through June 30, 2015.

c. Michigan School “Early Warning” Law

The Board received an update on PrepNet’s response to the new “early warning” laws now in effect. Mr. McAnally stated that the school is in excellent financial health and that the school’s contract with PrepNet guarantees the continuation of the budgeted educational program regardless of fluctuations to state aid revenues or other factors, and that more information would be forthcoming as the state continues to advance this issue.

5. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Mr. Morris shared that the BMCSO is moving to allow Boards to schedule 10 meetings a year, down from the current 12, and that he appreciates the smooth and effective operation of the Wellspring Prep Board.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2014-15 Audit Engagement Letter

The Board reviewed the 2014-15 Audit Engagement Letter provided by BDO. Mr. McAnally stated that a representative of BDO is scheduled to attend the November meeting to present the audit report to the Board.

b. 2015-16 Curriculum Updates

Mr. McAnally described revisions to the 2015 PrepNet Curriculum that, with Board approval, will be incorporated to the charter contract via amendment. The annual revision process for 2015-16 continues the work of revising 11th grade courses to Standards-Based Grading standardized scoring scales and rubrics for formative assessment of student learning targets.

c. Board Vacancies

Mr. Sandro conducted the interview of Board member candidate Mr. Mark Lemoine.

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the May 13, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Tabled for the next Board meeting.

b. Approval of the 2015-16 Curriculum Updates

Tabled for the next Board meeting.

c. Nomination of Mark Lemoine for Board Membership

Tabled for the next Board meeting.

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8. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Sandro thanked Ms. Knoth for her work in continuing to foster a positive school culture, as evidenced by the decreasing number of substantiated bullying/harassment incidents, as well as the high levels of student achievement.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Pointe shared her impressions of the parent and wider community as it relates to Wellspring Prep. She stated that many families are searching for better options, and that she appreciates (and shares with others) how Wellspring Prep handles any issue that arise in a timely and effective manner. She challenged the Board and PrepNet to continue investigating facility enhancement options.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.



Officer of the Board Signature