



EAGLE'S NEST ACADEMY
BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A
PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY

Board Meeting Agenda

Eagle's Nest Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Date: 09/10/20
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Via Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call:

- a. Glenn Cotton
- b. Kimberly Leverette
- c. LaShanda Osborn
- d. Vivian Palmer
- e. Gwendolyn Muldrew

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

No Public Comment

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Muldrew

Second by Osborne

Approved by Cotton, Leverette, Muldrew, Osborne & Palmer

5. Approval of Minutes (of previous meeting)

Motion by Muldrew

Second by Osborne

Approved by Cotton, Leverette, Muldrew, Osborne & Palmer

6. Presentation of the 2019-20 School Audit - Wilkerson & Associates (Present by by Mr. Larry Wilkerson, CPA and Lorilynn Coogins)

- Eagle's Nest Academy received an unqualified opinion, which is the highest opinion it can receive on an audit; which means that the financial statements are fairly presented, and there were no material misstatements. District also received a gold standard unqualified opinion, which is the highest opinion you could receive for financial reporting. The district's final budget, and your actual results were very close, you were within 1%, because the district did a great job of estimating the revenue. The district had a projection that the fund balance would be \$295,468 and you actually ended up with \$291,836, which was a budget difference of less than 1%. Overall, the district did a phenomenal job on estimating your budget, especially given the environment we're dealing with COVID.

7. Comments by Authorizer – Don Cooper

- Mr. Cooper extended a congratulations from his colleagues to the board and Mrs. Rawls-Smith on opening up for what has been the most challenging school year in my time working in public education.
- A package of bills was signed into law that provides more structure around how schools return to face-to-face instruction. The foundation allowance changed whereas 75% of the membership is based on last

year's count and 25% is based off of this year's count. This will provide more stability for schools right now, because the instability of enrollment (declines or fluctuations) will flatten funding and because it allows more stability in budgeting.

- The second big item was the change in flexibility on the days and hours. District's do not have to meet the same days and hours requirements as last year. But the legislature does require an extended continuity of learning plan that includes the modes of learning that focus on the goals for the year.
- One item in the legislation directly affects boards. All boards will be required to meet on a monthly basis to recertify the plan every 30 days.

8. Principal Report – Principal DeNesha Rawls-Smith

- As of September 8 2020, we have 167 scholars enroll in the school. We anticipate more new scholars enrolling now that we are officially in September.
- The Early Learning Center is offering childcare to our scholars.
- School is closed on Wednesdays for COVID-19 cleaning.
- Amendments to our COVID-19 preparedness plan because I wrote in the original plan to begin face to face learning on October 5th. But we want to extend remote learning via Google Classroom until October 30th.
- As an action item, a request to include the following statement within the preparedness plan and we also want to include that statement.
- We are still operating in Phase 4 in the Extended Learning Plan. We placed these goals, um, what they will be a part of the Extended Learning Plan.
- Eagle's Nest Academy will administer the Northwest Evaluation Association Assessment (NWEA) to all K-6 grade scholars, consistent with previous school years. The assessment will be administered three times each school year during the fall, winter and springtime.
- Our overarching goal for our Spring growth rate is to meet or exceed the 50th percentile as measured by NWEA, at each grade level, and in every subject.
- Many of our scholars are logging in daily-we actually hit the 98 percentage of our scholars enrolling/logging on for live instruction using Google Classroom apps which is supported with Chromebooks and internet connectivity.
- We continue to offer breakfast and lunch to our scholars using our transportation department to deliver those meals; according to bus stops/routes.
- We are still conducting our assessments and wellness Wednesdays, this is something that is really important and what the staff put a lot of effort into.

- We decided to decrease the amount of time scholars are logged in for live instruction, so they're not in front of a computer the entire day by implementing synchronous and asynchronous activities for our scholars.
- Scholars are logging in, participating in small group instruction in the afternoon and on our wellness Wednesdays.
- We began our diagnostic testing in literacy and mathematics using our curriculum and local assessments to develop education benchmarks provided by our partners from GVSU and the GISD.
- In addition, for wellness Wednesdays, we are providing social emotional support for scholars and specialized academic event intervention as well as educational development plans.
- Reviewed sample schedule.
- We are hosting frequent parent meetings on Fridays--met with almost all parents. They appreciate the small group instruction, it was kind of daunting for them to be online from 830 to 315 every day.
- There was a parent on the call last Friday and she expressed how wonderful the Eagle's Nest Learning Center was and what a great partnership that was for her and her family and how well they're managing social distancing as well as the safety measures.
- As we begin to prepare for face to face school learning, we have already developed two cohorts that we would like to come to the building, two days a week from 8:30am to 3:15pm; and other three days they will participate in synchronous or online activities without live instruction. Consequently, we will offer virtual 100% for those families who are not comfortable.
- That's very important because it will give a timeframe of 72 to air out the building for lapse symptoms of COVID.
- Give Me Five Initiative encourages our staff members and families to refer five scholars to Eagle's Nest Academy. Those who have the most scholars return are routinely acknowledged and celebrated. We are also using Facebook that is released four times each week. We've had our post shared and our videos got over 1000 views. We believe that this is helping not only to recruit people, but to get the word out about Eagle's Nest Academy.
- We do have one vacancy-gym class. So, we've offered videos that they can log on to at their leisure with their families and to complete any exercises that they might want to engage in.
- We've upgraded our internet to increase our connectivity.
- We're having frequent cleaning by our custodial team with deep cleaning on Wednesdays using the electromagnetic formula.

9. Action Items

- a. Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan/Educational Goals
- b. Resolution Approving Extended Learning Plan

c. Approval of below statement:

"During the 2020-2021 school year Eagle's Nest Academy will plan for Remote Instruction, Face to Face Instruction, and Hybrid Instruction. The Eagle's Nest Academy School Board will empower North Flint Reinvestment Corporation to navigate between the different modes of instructional delivery and exposure to core content as needed based on what is perceived to be the safest and most effective mode of instruction."

Approval of Action Item Educational Goals Statement

Motion by Osborne

Second by Muldrew

Approved by Cotton, Leverette, Muldrew, Osborne & Palmer

10. Public Comment on action items**No Public Comments****11. Board Comment on Non-Agenda Items or Board Member Round Table**

Palmer - Would Principal Smith consider using a Certified Yoga Instructor to provide virtual classes for students? (Mrs. Smith responded, Yes.) I will follow up to provide contact for Mrs. Rawls-Smith.

12. Adjournment: 6:39pm**13. Next regular meeting date/time: Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**Signed: *Vivian Palmer*

Printed: Vivian Palmer