



MADISON-CARVER ACADEMY

A Cornerstone School

Meeting of the Board of Directors
Location: 19900 McIntyre St, Detroit, MI-48219

Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2024

7:30 a.m.

1) BUSINESS ROUTINE

a) Call to Order (President)

The meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m.

b) Board of Directors Roll Call

Present: David Fitch, Ken Poirier, Elaine Tingle, Tanya Griffith (arrived at 7:33 a.m.), Torion Bridges (arrived at 7:36 a.m.)

Absent: None

Attendees: Andy Anuzis, President; Clint McDaniel, GVSU Representative; Mary Ann Johnson, Finance Director; Elizabeth Noa Carrion, Compliance Director; Grant Heugel, Operations Director; Joe Valentic; Markisha Stovall, Principal

c) Adoption of Agenda

Poirier moved. Tingle seconded. All approved.

d) Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Poirier moved. Tingle seconded. All approved.

e) Pledge of Allegiance

Board and attendees said the pledge of allegiance.

f) Sharing of Gratitude

Board and attendees expressed their gratitude's.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to agenda items)

There was no public comment.

3) PRESENTATIONS

a) Organizational Update – Anuzis

In the Fall of 2023 we had a total of 260 students, this Fall we have a total of 342 students. That is a growth of 82 students this year. Principal Stovall has improved the reputation of Madison-Carver Academy, she did this by improving the parent interactions in addition to other initiatives. MCA had the second highest enrollment growth this Fall network wide.

b) Academic Update – Stovall

Stovall has been at MCA 11 years now, this is her first full year as Principal. One of the challenges that they had to address this year regarding Academics was removing their two highest performing teachers from the classroom and moving them into Administrative roles, and the impact that would have on proficiency and growth. They took the summer to focus on preparing their staff for Fall testing. I Ready scores were able to be maintained, but there was a dip in the MSTEP scores which was expected due to the switch in personnel roles. Administrators and Staff continue to be intentional in their teaching, focusing on their yellow or “bubble” students. They are meeting students where they are academically, and setting specific goals for the individual student.

c) Enrollment – Anuzis

The Enrollment update was combined with the Organizational update, please refer to section 3a.

d) Finance – Johnson

We have been working on audits for all four districts currently. The budget is based on a yearly budget, as soon as audits are completed seasonality will be built in to the budgets. We will have to amend the budget because we forecasted for 364 students at MCA, and we received 342 students this Fall. The amendment will take place in December. At this time of the year we expect to be at about 25% of the budget for the revenue and expenses. The school administration line is at 30%, we did not carry the increase of having a Principal for the full school year. In regards to the Business line item, we are currently getting audited and those audit costs are all hitting the budget in the first and second quarter which looks like an increase in that cost. We have had an increase in Transportation which are related to some fieldtrips that were taken in the summer. There was an increase in IT expenses in the summer as well, which includes buying needed equipment for new staff. The Community Services line item is also above the 25% threshold, this is due to a full-time staff person that began working with us at the end of last year and we didn’t capture her salary for an entire year in this budget. We have brought in extra assistance in the Finance department. The prior administration did not file timely to be in the pool for State aid. We have successfully secured gap funding from Catholic Alliance Credit Union.

4) BOARD POLICY WORK

a) Board Meeting Dates for 2024-2025: All on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.

1. January 22, 2025
2. March 26, 2025
3. May 21, 2025
4. June 25, 2025

5) ACTION ITEMS

None

6) CONSENT ITEMS

None

7) AUTHORIZER COMMENTS – McDaniel

This year there was a record number of charter school alumni enrolled at GVSU, currently there are 326 charter school alumni students enrolled at GVSU. That is a 51% increase from last year.

We will review the results of the Annual School Performance Report beginning in January 2025.

We have an Early Teacher Career Cohort which started October 17, 2024. Any teachers in their first 5 years of teaching, receive support and guidance. Anyone interested can contact Jayme Lesperance.

2025 Core Values Award opens November 1st. This year's initiative will celebrate the value of international perspective.

Transparency Icons need to be displayed on the school website and need to be up to date.

Charter school bills of note: MAPSA anticipates discussion around the following bills this Fall: Senate bills 943 – 947.

The next virtual Board training will take on December 16th.

8) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Next Meeting: January 22, 2025 at 7:30 a.m.

9) PUBLIC COMMENT (related to non-agenda items)

There was no public comment.

10) MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:27 a.m. by Bridges. Poirier seconded. The above minutes were duly adopted on _____ by the Madison-Carver Academy Board of Directors at a properly noticed meeting held at which a quorum was present.

Submitted by Elaine Tingle, Secretary