

Board Minutes: Maritime Charter School – November 19, 2020

Present: B. Tompkins, J. Eicheldinger, G. Crawley, B. Bunny, S.Iraci, Dr. Jetter, K. Terryberry
Others present: C. Oldenburg, W. Vasquez, J. Melot, R.Oaks(Teacher Rep), K.Burhans, P. Payne

Topics and Discussion

1. Call to order: 5:22pm.

2. Review/Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from October 15, 2020

Motion to accept with modifications of draft: Karl Terryberry, Seconded Sam Glenda. Unanimous vote.

3. Invitation for Public Comment: None

4. Discussion on addition of Penny Payne to serve as board member

Motion to add Ms. Payne to WNYMCS Board of Directors: Glenda Crawley; Second: Bernie Bunny; Unanimous Approval

5. Kirsits Presentation- Karen Burhans/ Angel Beidner

A \$1000.00 Donation is being made in honor of Board President Tim O'Brien, R.I.P. Audit of Maritime financial books performed by (Financial Report under separate cover)

-New construction winding down

-NYS Aid down 2.5%

-Budgeted for 478 students, 458 actuals at start of school year. Current Cadet Population-467. Shortfall primarily due to problems created by COVID19 pandemic.

-Financial numbers generally good. Front end loading of expenses and delay of financial aid and reimbursement by suburban districts puts WNYMCS in the red at the start of the year, black by mid-year.

6. Commandant's Comments:

- BRIG MENTOR PROGRAM DISCUSSION
Brandon Crawford/Diamond King Williams: BRIG time becoming a positive learning experience rather than passing time.
- Student Population

<u>Middle School</u>	High School
5 th - 10 Students	9 th – 103 Students
6 th - 9 "	10 th -80 "
7 th - 28 "	11 th -108 "
8 th - 45 "	12 th -84 "
Tot- 92 Students	Tot-375 Students
Grand Total 464 Students	
- New elevator is ahead of schedule- expected in place before Christmas break.
- Hybrid Learning protocol is improving with months of experience behind us.
 - Computers being lent out
 - Insurance necessary on Chromebooks
- Chrome Books- Lead time is 3-6 months for new orders
 - Heather has found a repair shop that is providing acceptable turn-around at a reasonable cost.
- Senior Seminar Held- Virtual Format
 - Admissions Counseling provided
 - FAFSA Specialists explain the fine points of the financial system
 - College Applications discussed
- Thanksgiving Turkeys are being donated to the staff, as well as, Farnam Soup Kitchen
- Cadets have very positive opinion of new school facilities.
- Academic Shortfalls being addressed- 70% of Cadets in failing status
 - 50% on Academic Review Board (failing in 1 class; lower than 70% on 2 or more classes)

- Teachers are performing a 4 Day week
 - Working hard with creativity
 - Much of the effort is on personal time
- Social/emotional counseling is taking place
 - Tanya- North towns
 - Will and Commandant- South towns
 - Robin providing outreach to total population
 - Buffalo School system feeding all students
- Chromebook Insurance- Will/Heather spearheading
 - Warranty includes “mysterious disappearance”
 - Cost of Chromebook Insurance: \$12,620
 - Motion to approve expenditure for insurance program: Bernie Bunny; Seconded-Glenda Crawley; Unanimous approval.

7. Administration: Dr. Jetter

- Teachers have made an excellent transition from hybrid to virtual as situation changed
- Scholarship donations being made in name of Tim O’Brien
- Dave Comerford to be offered WNYMCS Board Membership

8. Faculty Report: Rob Oats

- Concern over teacher stress
 - Long work hours
 - Feelings of failure
- Mrs. Kramer highlights the difficulty of performing Cadet community service hours

9. Parent Report: Karl Terryberry

- Parent Teacher Conference held virtually
 - How to keep failure at bay
 - Spreadsheet provided to identify focus areas

10. Financial Report: Joe Eicheldinger

- See Kirsits remarks above and formal report under separate cover)
- Budget in good shape considering challenges of pandemic

11. Academic Report: Sam Iraci

- (See Commandant’s report)

12. Old Business:

- Contracts review progressing

13. New Business:

- LT Marjefka COVID19 testing
- Open House planned for February 6, 2021- Virtual Format
 - Music
 - Videography
 - Writing

14. Motion to adjourn

- Made by Joe Eicheldinger at 6:55 pm; Seconded, Glenda Crawley; Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard M. Bunny
Executive Secretary