

**Board Minutes: Maritime Charter School – September 17, 2020**

Present: T. O'Brien, J. Eicheldinger, B. Tompkins, G. Crawley, B. Bunny, S. Iraci, Dr. Jetter

Excused: K. Terryberry

Others present: D. Comerford, C. Oldenburg, W. Vasquez, J. Mellot, R. Oaks (Teacher Rep)

**Topics and Discussion**

**1. Call to order:** 5:03pm.

**2. Review/Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from August 20, 2020

Motion to accept: Barbara Tompkins. Seconded Glenda Crawley. Unanimous vote.

Announcement made: Two board positions are open. Bruce Morrison and Demaris Johnson resigned effective immediately.

**3. Invitation for Public Comment: NONE**

**4. Commandant's Comments:**

- New facilities have very positive impact on WNYMCS  
Mortgage \$130-135K/Year vs \$800K/Year on Genesee (old rent \$66K per month- Combined Buffum/So. Park less than \$20K per month)
- Elevator cost \$380K; To be installed in November 2020
- Both Buffum and So. Park are excellent platforms for COVID19 response-plenty of room for social distancing.
- Infrastructures of both schools have hybrid capability
- Cadet Addison has commitment from Div I athletics, multiple sports
- Finances have been very difficult with COVID19 pandemic
- Kudos to Teaching/Staff for creativity and effort in dealing with COVID19 challenges
- Technology programs are excellent/ Substantially ahead of other schools
- Teacher/Staff morale good, but anxiety and pressure from pandemic are telling
- Bruce Morrison Retirement- current COVID19 conditions make any ceremony problematic. Will plan a suitable award for a less risky time.

**5. Faculty Report:** No report.

**6. Parent Report:** No Report.

- Re-Opening plan is online.
- Currently, 78 students in remote learning. Transportation is an issue. KenTon has issued bus passes.

**7. Administration Report:** Commandant:

- College Course Participation  
ECC Writing- 14 Students  
Daemen Composition- 12 Students  
SUCAB Writing- 20 Students
- Dr. Jetter Attendance at NY Education Policy Fellowship- 18 States Participating
  - Gettysburg Guides/Army War College (Carlisle, PA) Topics:
  - How to respond in times of crisis -Education/Military
  - Reinvent School, Leadership, Fellowship
  - First Monday-"COVID19 Rethink of Education"
- Dr. Jetter is appointed liaison between WNYMCS and SUCAB (Buffalo State)
- Student Population 2020/2021
  - Middle School: 5<sup>th</sup>-10, 6<sup>th</sup>-9, 7<sup>th</sup>-24, 8<sup>th</sup>-49 / Total 92
  - High School: 9<sup>th</sup>-96, 10<sup>th</sup>-78, 11<sup>th</sup>-106, 12<sup>th</sup>-854/ Total 364
  - Grand Total Student Population: 456 Actual/ 470 Budgeted

- Recruiting- W. Vasquez
  - Billboard Advertising- High cost
  - Social Media plan more effective/less costly
- Lunch Program (Free/Reduced cost)- 74% WNYMCS Students participating
  - Vending Machine Sales drop due to COVID19 pandemic

**8. Finance Report:**

- No Formal Report
- Review of Kirsits Balance Sheet Dated 7/31/2020
- Review of all contracts planned
  - Example-Kirsits Contract cost from \$9-12K per month.
- Rite Aid will share snow plow costs with WNYMCS
- Yellow bussing is operational so the cost of transportation is reduced

**9. Academic Report:**

- No Formal Report

**10. Old Business: NONE**

**11. New Business:**

- Application for new board members
  - Penny Payne- Will attend October Board Meeting
- Addendum to Cadet Handbook
  - Chromebook usage accountability
  - Use of Headphones
  - Motion to accept amendment to Cadet Handbook as written
    - Bernie Bunny
    - Seconded Barb Tompkins
    - Unanimous Acceptance

**12. Adjournment 6:39pm**

- Motion to Adjourn- Glenda Crawley
- Seconded- Barb Tompkins
- Unanimous acceptance

Respectfully Submitted  
Bernard M. Bunny  
WNYMCS Executive Secretary