



Board Meeting Minutes
Fostering Leadership Academy
May 26th, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.
Zoom

I. Call to Order

President

Meeting called to order at 4:06pm.

II. Mr. Hugg opened up with the roll call of Board members.

	Present	Unable to Attend
Eric Doeh	X	
Zackery Hugg	X	
Van Nguyen	X	
Dan West	X	
Elizabeth Whittaker-Walker	X	

III. Mr. Hugg had the non-FLA Board members announce their attendance.

Stephanie Trotter, Chief Financial Officer of MCHS
Kevin Roach, CEO of MCHS
Abby Stewart, Principal of Fostering Leadership Academy
Katie Woodstock, Chief Development Officer of MCHS
Jeff Maxwell, GVSU School Support Specialist
Cheryl Edwards-Cannon, GVSU School Consultant
Lisa DeClercq, HR Coordinator at MCHS

IV. A motion was made by Mrs. Whittaker-Walker and seconded by Ms. Nguyen to approve agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

V. A motion was made by Mr. Doeh and seconded by Ms. Nguyen to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Mr. Hugg recognized there was no public comment of agenda items.



VII. Mrs. Edwards-Cannon provided an authorizer report. She reported that schools are waiting to hear what funding will look like for the 2020-2021 school year. As a state requirement, budgets must be secured by June, and we should prepare for some uncertainty.

Mr. Maxwell added that he and Ms. Stewart are discussing master schedules and a plan for Multi-Tier Support System. Mr. Roach spoke on fundraising, emphasizing the importance of staying true to the FLA vision of high quality education.

VIII. Ms. Stewart provided a principal report in regards to enrollment, curriculum, personnel, fall opening scenarios, and FLA goals. FLA currently has 15 students enrolled. Pearson was chosen for curriculum materials. There are three teachers hired, and the rest of the positions are still being filled. To prepare for the fall, there are three scenarios being planned for: completely virtual, completely in person, and a combination of both. FLA will ensure that students have all the technological resources needed. FLA academic goals are being created by the team at GVSU to ensure student growth. NWEA will be used for accountability.

IX. Ms. Woodstock provided information on the development of FLA in terms of social media pages, website, and marketing initiatives. The Capital Campaign website is live, and major gifts are being solicited. There is also a groundbreaking video in the works. Within the next month, there will be more exposure and FLA presence.

Mrs. Trotter provided information about the FLA budget with a finance presentation. A budget was created based on an \$800 reduction in per pupil funding. The state of Michigan would like to see a healthy fund balance of 15 to 20%. The Lunch Fund balance is expected to break even and should eventually be self-sustaining.

Mrs. Edwards-Cannon announces that there must be a budget review before June 30th. The proposed budget for next year has to be filed with the state by 5:00pm on June 30th. After Count Day in October, schools will have more realistic numbers for a budget amendment in November. It may be necessary to amend the budget a couple times throughout the year based on the funds acquired.

There will be a meeting before the next board meeting on budgeting so FLA can pursue additional state and federal dollars.

X. There were no further public comment for non-agenda items.

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XI. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.

Passed on: _____

Secretary: _____