



Fostering Leadership Academy
Regular Board Meeting
August 24th, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hugg 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, MCHS
Tameka Ward, MCHS
Abby Stewart, Principal of Fostering Leadership Academy
Katie Woodstock, MCHS
Cheryl Edwards-Cannon, GVSU School Consultant
Kevin Roach, MCHS

IV. A motion was made by Ms. Nguyen and seconded by Mr. West to approve agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

V. A motion was made by Mr. West 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. MDE is asking all schools to develop a COVID-19 Extended Learning Plan, which describes how academic success and performance of students will be tracked. This has to be tracked every 30 days, and GVSU will provide a template. FLA will use the Educational Goals that have already been established through GVSU. This plan is due to the GVSU



office on September 15th. GVSU will approve and will then submit to the state by October 1. The state is also expecting the boards to approve the progress plans every 30 days. Because FLA meets every month, that will not be an issue. This will be incorporated in the Principal's Report each month beginning in October. It's recommended that FLA use NWEA as the academic assessment.

Ms. Stewart verified NWEA as the academic assessment tool at FLA.

VIII. Ms. Stewart provided a principal report in regards to student enrollment, staffing updates, and the newly proposed school calendar. We currently have 27 students and are working on various recruitment efforts. Open positions are being filled by Midwest Staffing, and MCHS continues to perform interviews. The school calendar reflects a later start date for students with September 8 being the first day of school instead of August 31. This gives more time for recruitment and preparation of the school year. The school year will now end on June 24 instead of June 17.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Ms. Nguyen to approve the new 2020-2021 School Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Mrs. Trotter provided a management report beginning with taking a vote on Key Bank as the banking institution. MCHS already has a relationship with some other banks, but because Key Bank is looking to make more of a presence in Michigan, they would treat FLA as a very important partner. A motion was made by Ms. Nguyen and seconded by Mrs. Whittaker-Walker to approve the Board President and Treasurer for signatories on Key Bank.

Mrs. Trotter provided a report on the Management Agreement, outlining the various key topics throughout. Mr. Hugg asked about soliciting board approval every time to approve a grant. Mr. Roach determined that language should not be in there and noted the desire to remove or amend the statement.

Mrs. Whittaker-Walker inquired about criteria used to determine partnerships in regards to funding opportunities. Mr. West proposed that the board approve to accept grants if they are offered- if the grant was directly given to FLA. Mr. Roach expressed that this was more operational and not governance.

Mrs. Whittaker-Walker asked about the status and legal structure of fundraising in regards to FLA and MCHS. Mr. Roach noted that the board's role is to be an ambassador in connecting FLA to fundraising opportunities but that there was a difference between reporting and approving. The board would be provided with access to the list of donors of FLA.



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Mr. Hugg tabled the Management Agreement and stated the need for changes within the discussed section.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Ms. Nguyen to approve the Management Agreement subject to an addendum to clarify Article 6 and define "ESP" and "ESP Agreement."

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

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Passed on: 09/28/2020

Secretary: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jan Nguyen", is written over a horizontal line.

