

*The mission of Ann Arbor Learning Community is to nurture independent lifelong learners as they acquire the tools they need to shape an environmentally and socially responsible future.*

## **Ann Arbor Learning Community Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

December 15, 2020 @ 6:30pm (Zoom Virtual Meeting)  
4377 Textile Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

### **Document List**

Agenda

Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting

School Leader's Report K-8

Treasurer's Report

Business Manager's Report

School Leader's Report 9-12

### **Call to Order @ 6:31pm**

### **Board Member Roll Call**

Present: Denne Lawton, Nate Gleeton, Leah Davis

Absent: None

### **Public Attendees**

Teresa Woods, Hannah Tanzillo, Russell Sheppard, Shayla Tinsley, Ali Sultan, Rashad Issa, Tia Beverly

### **First Public Comment**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the **October 20**, 2020 Minutes - Motion Gleeton, Second Davis
2. Approval of the **November 17**, 2020 Agenda - Motion Gleeton, Second Davis

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Treasurer's Report/Shayla Tinsley**

See attached report. Looking ahead and forecasting the budget, reviewing PTO payout policy with Axios.

### **Action Items**

Old Business -

1. Bill Pay with Bank of Ann Arbor - limiting communication with Bank of Ann Arbor, Nate and Shayla are still working with them to get this up and running.
2. Review of AALC Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan - No new updates; planning on students to return face-to-face on January 11th, 2021. Teresa is still working with Washtenaw County Health

Department and their guidance. Rashad updated regarding the basketball program; students live together and get tested every 4-5 days. No new updates with them.

3. Fall Board Policy Updates - No questions or updates. Motion Gleeton, Second Davis
4. Snow Removal Contract - Motion Gleeton, Second Davis; current contract \$2k/month for full parking lots and full salting for sidewalks; Nate motions to enter into a winter contract with Creative Visions Lawn care and Landscaping at a rate of \$1300/monthly for the dates of 12/15/20-4/30/21 with December prorated start date of 12/15/20. Second Davis.

#### New Business -

1. Revised Budget - Nate appreciates and thanks Shayla for the work she has done with the budget and the improvements she's done on the budget. Nate asked about the Social Worker line item regarding her part time status as opposed to our old ad hoc services. Teresa stated that we gave MetroEHS the opportunity to secure a SW and they could not provide us with one, so we needed to go out and find a social worker outside of MetroEHS. Teresa recommends that this line item be continued on into the next budget. Nate asked about the Teacher Consultant services and hours provided. Teresa stated that Mr. Sheppard continues to provide support for students during our time virtually and recommends that this item remains. Nate asked about the advertising marketing budget expense of 8K. Teresa stated that it's not necessary as we don't have any big marketing campaigns in the works; utilizes Facebook and Instagram. Nate recommends to cut the line item in half and to continue to use Google adworks and Facebook. Questions: N Gleeton asked about the PTO payout; what's available to model/predict to use PTO in regards to budget? Teresa stated that our policy is different from our practice; has been working with Tia Beverly from Axios to work on a clearer policy. Tia stated that they could put together ways to encourage staff to take their PTO as opposed to current policy. Nate motioned to adopt the revised budget with the ability to make revisions to it during the next board meeting regarding a revised PTO model. Second Davis.

#### **K-8 School Leader Report/Teresa Woods**

See full report in board packet. We have 2 new students enrolled and have a couple more interested in enrollment. Virtual program going well; parents are commenting on how organized and non-stressful this time has been for students and families. All students have devices, had to replace several devices already and new devices are on backorder until January. Thanks Rashad for bringing onboard new cleaning staff member, Alex.

#### **6-12 School Leader Report/Ali Sultan**

See full report in board packet. Enrollment 258 students, NWEA testing will be happening after break in January for middle school students to identify students who need additional support. Admin staff is available over holiday break. WIDA testing will happen in person in February, and may be canceled. Rashad stated that they are working on the heating issue; no update on the boiler permit.

#### **K- 8 Business Manager's Report/Shayla Tinsley**

See full report in board packet. Play structure is in the works, regarding the ESSA grant. Shayla is working on that currently with MDE. If approved the reallocated amount will be \$16k, \$11k will go for play structure and \$5k for laptops for teachers and staff. Teachers and staff are currently using their personal devices. Nate asked Rashad regarding GEE's possible availability with laptops and connects to their technology partners.

#### **Other Business**

## **Second Public Comment**

None

## **Board Comments**

None

Next Meeting: January 26, 2021 @ 6:30 (Virtual)

## **Appreciations**

D Lawton: Thanks Hannah for all the services provided to everyone and will be missed; Teresa and Rashad in the improved communications and efforts made to be responsive; Nate in becoming her right arm and partnering with her.

T Woods: Thanks Hannah for all her hard work and appreciate all she's done for setting up the system; Shayla for making everything make sense and shore up things.

R Issa: Thanks Hannah for all her work and welcoming everyone in the building.

N Gleeton: Thanks Shayla for all her work and responsiveness.

## **Adjournment @ 7:40 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Denne Lawton*

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