

*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**

November 18, 2019 @ 6:30pm  
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 @ 6:33**

### **Roll Call**

Larry Berg, Nathaniel Gleeton, Denee Lawton, Ann Owen – all present

### **Public Attendees**

Teresa Woods, Cynthia Andrews, Tia Beverly, Orletta Cross, Malverne Winborne, Russell Sheppard, Rashid Issa, Ali Sultan

### **First Public Comment**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

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

Current enrollment is 48 students. Staffing secured for physical education (Illenya Kellog). Vacant positions are early primary, intermediate, music and at-risk math teachers. Media center is now open. Conferences are November 12-18. NWEA will begin shortly. Friday Enrichments will begin November 22. Building needs presented along with future project. See written report for full details on all items.

### **9-12 School Leader Report/Ali Sultan,Principal**

Currently 270 students. GEE will assist AALC NWEA testing. WIDA testing will begin shortly. Counselors are meeting with seniors regarding graduation and college applications. This graduating class will have approximately 50 students. Current waiting list has 42 students. See written report for full details.

### **K-8 Business Manager's Report/Wendi Felgner**

Building concerns and updates were shared. Budget paperwork reviewed. Count-day and immunization information have been recorded. See written report for full details.

### **Treasurer's Report/Nate Gleeton**

Not much change from last month, but financial picture will change when new staff are hired to fill vacant positions.

### **Board Business**

1. Approval of October 28, 2019 board minutes. Motion D Lawton, Second N Gleeton
2. GEE Student Enrollment – contract amendment to a total of 300 secondary students. This will require a charter amendment with a board vote. Motion N Gleeton, Second A Owen. Roll call: Berg-yes, Lawton-yes, Gleeton-yes, Owen-yes. (Motion passes 4-0). GEE will provide documentation to Dr. Winborne.
3. Budget Amendment – Still under revision and will be presented at December board meeting
4. Charter Renewal & Management Company Review Teams – currently beginning this process and will be working with EMU. Potential new management company would start school year starting 2021. Committees will form in December.

## Committee Reports

1. Academic Advancement & Excellence/Owen – see written report of focus areas including instruction, assessment, evaluation
2. Finance & Infrastructure Development/Gleaton – Address learning environment, compile lists, prioritize. 30-60-90 day plan to be developed. Monthly meetings. How to involve teachers and parents. Digital communication
3. Community Development & Relationships/Lawton – Communication with parents, political leaders, businesses. Assess current communication, especially website. Survey how do parents want to receive their communication – via email, paper, etc. Recruit parents – what parental resource do we have? Second tier – business partners. Community meet and greet. Universities – tap into their resources. Residential community – how to make AALC an integral part. Political – how is AALC viewed by the mayor, city council, etc.
4. Marketing & Fundraising/Berg – Develop an internal and external marketing campaign by January. Internal – what is our culture today? What do we want it to be? Create a rally cry – Energize. External – develop what we stand for and communicate it out. Self-assessment of competition. Form marketing team.
5. Board Member Recruitment – one potential. L Berg in contact

## Second Public Comment

None

## Review Action Items and Next Meeting Date

1. Tia Beverly – AXIOS Point of Contact
2. Dr Winborne – A new Associate Director of EMU Charter Schools will soon be hired. Teacher shortage discussion and how to communicate needs to universities
3. Next Board Meeting: December 16, 2019 @ 6:30/ AALC Media Center
4. Future Action Items
  - Committee Work
  - Charter Review and Management Team Establishment
  - Budget Amendment Approval
  - Review Emergency Policies

## Appreciations

T Woods – Acknowledges Cynthia's efforts. Mr. Sheppard for help with special education. Wendy for answering lots of questions. GEEE for lights and heat. Board for their efforts and Rema for helping with NWEA

L Berg – Mohamad and Rashad's efforts to address building needs. Rema for helping with NWEA. Middle schoolers for their work in the media center. Fall festival help – Liz Andrews, Cecily Moore, Shannon Renaud, Keleigh Anders, Tim McCauley, Crystal Welch, Katie Parsons, Leah Davis and Joelyn Welch.

N Gleaton – Commended new sub-committees directed by Larry

D Lawton – All staff of AALC pulling together. GEE for their building improvement efforts

A Owen – Thank you to everyone for welcoming to the board

## **Adjournment @ 8:17**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ann M. Owen*  
Board Secretary

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Minutes will be made available after the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

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