

METRO EAST WEB ACADEMY
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting / Business
February 18, 2016

The Metro East Web Academy Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, February 18, 2016, in the MEWA Boardroom. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by the President, Johnnie Driessner. Other board members in attendance were Michael Harris, Tim Collins, Terry McCall and David Kluth.

The following central office staff members were present:

David Gray.....	Principal / CEO
Tonia Gebhart.....	Teacher/Administrator
Nicole Campbell.....	Teacher
Christeen Calhoun.....	Teacher
Hillary Radford.....	Board Secretary

MOTION 16-001 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Michael Harris seconded by Terry McCall and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from December 10, 2015. The Financial Report was pulled for discussion

- Financial Report
- Minutes from December 10, 2015

FINANCIAL REPORT DISCUSSION

Concern about MEWA’s contingency fund balance was expressed. Gina Sanstrum’s reports show that MEWA will fall about \$200,000 short on our ending fund balance. MEWA is cutting costs where we can. Competition for students has increased and MEWA is focused on keeping the students that we do have. Most of MEWA’s new students come from recommendations from other school counselors or from someone who knows about us. The board discussed meeting with Sam Breyer of Centennial School District and Linda Florence of Reynolds School District to talk about a partnership. The board also requested to have a marketing and recruitment staff showcase.

STAFF SHOWCASE – NICOLE CAMPBELL & CHRISTEEN CALHOUN

Christeen Calhoun presented an analysis of MEWA’s Star360 test results to the board. These results showed student growth from fall testing to winter testing. Approximately 7 months of growth were seen in math and approximately 4.5 months of growth in reading. These tests are given to every new student during the orientation process and at three times during the school year. This data is used for diagnostic purposes and in re-engagement meetings.

Nicole Campbell presented data to show the impact that mandatory lab attendance has had on her math students. The sample consisted of students who had previously failed a math class but were now required to attend a math lab. The data showed that 52% of these students went on to pass their math class. Other data presented further showed the value of the mandatory math lab.

MOTION 16-002 CEO EVALUATION

The board amended the agenda to take action on approving Dr. Gray’s contract and rollover. It was moved by Michael Harris, seconded by David Kluth and carried unanimously to approve Dr. Gray’s new contract and rollover, compensation to be discussed at a later date.

BOARD WORK PLAN

The board discussed the next steps for the board work plan and about crafting a vision for the next iteration of MEWA. The board posed the question of how to engage the staff in this process. It was agreed that there is value in having an external facilitator and that having a joint activity with the board, staff, and the facilitator in the next month or so would be the goal.

OTHER

Michael Harris informed the board that he would be leaving as of July 1, 2016. The board decided to change April’s meeting date to Wednesday, April 13th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Hillary Radford
