

Saginaw Covenant Academy
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**BOARD MEETING
SAGINAW COVENANT ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Date: October 27, 2021
Time: 12:00 P.M.
Location: 508 S. Washington Ave

MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: Regular Special Proposed Approved

A. **Call to Order**-Meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM

B. **Roll Call**

Delena Spates-Allen, President	xPresent	oAbsent
Ty Mier, Vice President	xPresent	oAbsent
Tish Maestaz, Secretary	xPresent	oAbsent
Becky Gerzseny, Treasurer	x Present	oAbsent
Dr. Elsa Olvera, Member	xPresent	oAbsent
John Humphreys, Member	xPresent	oAbsent

Other Attendees:

Sam Joseph, Founder	Devon Gilliam, School Leader
Mandy Acker, Dir of Academic Progress	Gretchen LaHaie, Dir of Operational Services
Dan Matthews, CAF Consultant	Matt Cawood, GVSU
Tim Ostrom, Supervisor of Academic Progress	Gary Campbell, Legal Counsel

C. **Public Comment on Agenda**-Elsa asked to add Great Lakes College to end of agenda

D. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: John motioned to approve the agenda

Support: Ty seconded the motion **Ayes: 6 Nays: 0**

E. **Approval/Acceptance of Standard Business**

a. **Approval of the following board meeting minutes**

i. **Board Meeting Minutes - August 25, 2021**

Motion: Delena motioned to approve the minutes.

Support: Tish seconded the motion **Ayes: 6 Nays: 0**

b. **School Report**

i. **Mission Points of Pride (Devon Gilliam):**

Enrollment 107 students; young group, more freshman/sophomores enrolled. Shared student of the month story;

ii. **Progress Update (Tim Ostrom/Mandy Acker)**

Transition to StrongMinds has been very positive, student feedback has been positive as well and progress has been seen. Starting literacy initiative-student centered and student

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focused. Completed NWEA testing last week that establishes student tiers for the program. Shared TWIs, in-person attendance is about 10-15/day. Current academic data was shared and discussed.

iii. **Barriers Report (Dan Matthews):** Shared 8 barriers categories. Critical for us to understand the barriers students face so we can help and move them forward.

c. **Financial/Personnel Update (Gretchen LaHaie):**

i. **Balance Sheet & YTD-FTE** is lower than planned, but per-pupil funding increased. Audit is showing a 6/30 fund balance better than planned, which will help to mitigate losses. Received IDEA allocation this fiscal year, and a grant from SCF. Budget amendment is in progress, as well as plans on how best to use ESSER funds.

ii. **Personnel Update:** 1 staff added, 1 staff resignation. 2 staff openings.

d. **GVSU Update (Matt Cawood):** SCA needs to recommend people to fill the board vacancies as soon as possible. Board training options available.

e. **Legal Update (Gary Campbell):** Discussion regarding the consolidation of the staffing contract under CAF. Will help with unity of all academies and CAF. Will allow SCA staff to have access to the 401k match.

Tentative approval, contingent on legal review of the final contract, of the amended CAF/SCA ESP contract

Motion: John made a motion to approve

Support: Ty seconded the motion **Ayes: 6 Nays: 0**

F. **Correspondence**-Letter from GVSU concerning persistent board vacancies

G. **Old Business**

a. **Approval to amend the 21-22 SCA School Calendar**

Motion: Becky made a motion to approve

Support: Tish seconded the motion **Ayes: 6 Nays: 0**

H. **New Business**-None

I. **Discussion**

J. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**-Elsa shared information on the Great Lakes Bay Early College Program; Ty shared upcoming events-Chocolate Fair, Boys & Girls Club

K. **Reminder for next board meeting:** Regular meeting for Wednesday, December 15, 2021 @ 11:00 PM

L. **Adjournment**-Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM

Motion: Delena made a motion to adjourn

Support: Becky seconded the motion **Ayes: 6 Nays: 0**

MINUTES CERTIFICATION



Board Secretary/Recording Secretary

October 27, 2021

Date

Approved by the Saginaw Covenant Academy Board of Directors on December 15, 2021.



Board President

12/15/2021
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