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# Wesley International Academy

# Minutes

## November Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Wednesday November 1, 2017 at 6:00 PM

**Location**
WIA Media Center

The November meeting of the WIA Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday November 1, 2017 beginning at 6:00pm in the WIA Media Center.  We hope to see as many stakeholders attend as possible.

**Directors Present**
B. Gay, C. Hill, E. Buckner (remote), J. Hansen, K. Delp, M. Guertin, N. Jones (remote), S. Burnes, T. Ryan-Lawrence, T. Tidwell

**Directors Absent**
D. Holloman

**Ex Officio Members Present**
J. Marshall

### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

Kate Boyer - Parent
Lynette Hill - Parent

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Gay called a meeting of the board of directors of Wesley International Academy to order on Wednesday Nov 1, 2017 at 6:07 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

C. Hill made a motion to approve minutes from the October Board Meeting on 10-17-17 October Board Meeting on 10-17-17.
K. Delp seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

| **Roll Call** | |
|---|---|
| S. Burnes | Aye |
| J. Hansen | Aye |
| M. Guertin | Aye |
| K. Delp | Aye |
| T. Tidwell | Aye |
| E. Buckner | Aye |
| B. Gay | Aye |
| D. Holloman | Absent |
| C. Hill | Aye |
| T. Ryan-Lawrence | Aye |

## II. Executive Director Updates

### A. Monthly Report

Thanks to the staff for all of the hard work that has gone into the following reports.
Need to focus on the academics of the school.
Invite the principals to discuss current CCRPI data:

Ms. Lawrence - PYP - 69.6 to 68.1 (1.5% drop). Milestones was the biggest dropping point. Cohorts performed similarly to the previous year and we attribute some of the drops in score to the testing format (online) and progress points. Climate rating was two-stars. Because we're K-8 the rating is a little difficult. If rated just on MYP, we would have had four-stars.

Dr. Mason - MYP dropped 8 points; from a 70 to 62. Mostly attributed to IB Grading. Ms. Roberts was on the phone with APS. Trying to appeal with the state due to IB grading. End of course algebra test that 8th graders take. APS requires we do a conversion from IB grading to EOC numeric store. District did not push the button the have the high school credit applied and we are currently appealing this decision.

How much is a metrics issue and how much is an academic performance issue. The experts we've spoken to have suggested we could pick up to 4 points when the appeal is finalized.

4th grade team from last year had the highest scores in the Jackson Cluster.

**B. Public Comments**

Kate Boyer - Asks that the board and administration take the same transparency as it's had the last two weeks with regard to the transition to co-ed education. Would ask that the transition take place next year, not this year.
Lynette Hill - Has nothing to add.
Ms. Conrad seconded the statements made by Kate Boyer

**C. Executive Director's recommendation regarding whether to cease single gender operations.**

B. Gay made a motion to Reduce focus from three unique pillars (IB, Mandarin Chinese and Single Gender) to two unique pillars by transitioning to co-ed classrooms for the next charter term and the foreseeable future.
T. Tidwell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| B. Gay | Aye |
| T. Ryan-Lawrence | Aye |
| T. Tidwell | Aye |
| N. Jones | Aye |
| J. Hansen | Aye |
| C. Hill | Aye |
| E. Buckner | Aye |
| K. Delp | Aye |
| D. Holloman | Absent |
| S. Burnes | Aye |
| M. Guertin | Aye |

**D. Transition Options for removal of single gender as a major component of WIA's offerings: Option A**

There has been discussion of transitioning before Milestones, but Jason feels this would be too disruptive to the students.
The difficult part with going after Milestones is the loss of the "good things" that come after Milestones.
Milestones are the end of April / beginning of May. Would need to work with teachers to redo classrooms.
In no way would Jason recommend that we transition before Milestones.
Concern is that any transition we do will be disruptive.

Discussion was had over the various options by board members.
M. Guertin made a motion to reject option A as a transition plan due to the fact that it doesn't align with our current charter.
T. Tidwell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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| K. Delp | Aye |
| C. Hill | Aye |
| T. Tidwell | Aye |
| T. Ryan-Lawrence | Aye |
| B. Gay | Aye |
| M. Guertin | Aye |
| J. Hansen | Aye |
| E. Buckner | Aye |
| S. Burnes | Aye |
| N. Jones | Aye |
| D. Holloman | Absent |

### E. Transition Option for removal of single gender as major component of WIA's offerings: Option B

If we did nothing at the end of this year, it may be odd the first 2-3 weeks of the new school year. Most important person in the transition will be their teachers. We must handle this well as adults so the students handle it well.
M. Guertin made a motion to that Wesley implement our transition to co-educational classrooms at the start of the 2018-2019 school year and that the transition plan be informed by community input and directed by the ED in consultation with the WIA BOD.
T. Ryan-Lawrence seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| B. Gay | Aye |
| E. Buckner | Aye |
| M. Guertin | Aye |
| T. Ryan-Lawrence | Aye |
| S. Burnes | Aye |
| T. Tidwell | Aye |
| K. Delp | Aye |
| C. Hill | Aye |
| D. Holloman | Absent |
| N. Jones | Aye |
| J. Hansen | Aye |

## III. Academic Excellence

### A. Committee Report

Work ACE has been doing is in alignment with the conversations surrounding Single Gender. Making sure committee members were present at the two public forums. This has been the focus since the last meeting.

## IV. Development

### A. Committee Report

No update since October board meeting.
Numbers look great; Georgia Gives is November 28th.
Family dinner night is the same night. Board should attend on the 28th.

## V. Finance

### A. Committee Report

No update since October board meeting.

## VI. Governance

### A. Committee Report

No update since last board meeting.
Reiterate the participation in board recruitment for the next year. Want to start developing a pipeline.
Provide names to Tom Tidwell and Elisa Buckner.

### B. Approve written response to APS regarding requested clarification and supplemental information

Board received an updated draft of the APS response via email during the meeting.
M. Guertin made a motion to approve the revised response to APS for requested clarification and supplemental information with the following notations; 1) Add brief narrative of why we've added the financial addendum 2) Potential modifications to the adoption of curriculum with respect to the clarifying the implementation timeline 3) General grammatical corrections.
T. Ryan-Lawrence seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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|---|---|
| M. Guertin | Aye |
| D. Holloman | Absent |
| C. Hill | Aye |
| J. Hansen | Aye |
| E. Buckner | Aye |
| B. Gay | Aye |
| N. Jones | Aye |

| Roll Call | |
|---|---|
| S. Burnes | Aye |
| T. Tidwell | Aye |
| K. Delp | Aye |
| T. Ryan-Lawrence | Aye |

## VII. Other Business

### A. PTSA Board Meeting Update

### B. December Board Meeting

Feel like we need a December Board meeting.  6:00pm on December 19th.

## VIII. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

B. Gay made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
J. Hansen seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

| Roll Call | |
|---|---|
| T. Ryan-Lawrence | Aye |
| N. Jones | Aye |
| J. Hansen | Aye |
| C. Hill | Aye |
| K. Delp | Aye |
| S. Burnes | Aye |
| B. Gay | Aye |
| T. Tidwell | Aye |
| D. Holloman | Absent |
| E. Buckner | Aye |
| M. Guertin | Aye |

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Ryan-Lawrence