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Whatcom Intergenerational High School

Minutes

Response to Commission NPP discussion

Date and Time

Tuesday March 14, 2023 at 8:15 AM

Location

WIHS Board is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: WIHS Board's Personal Meeting Room

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Directors Present

C. Espina (remote), J. McGill (remote), K. Lieberman (remote), N. Mughal-Barrows (remote)

Directors Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

N. Mughal-Barrows called a meeting of the board of directors of Whatcom Intergenerational High School to order on Tuesday Mar 14, 2023 at 8:17 AM.

C. Overview of Notice of Perceived Problem

Nasreen shared an overview of the Notice of Perceived Problem (NPP).

The September 2022 Letter of Inquiry (LOI) has been fulfilled. After the fall 2022 Commission site visit in December, school and board leadership met with the CSC Performance Committee to discuss ongoing concerns, and they initiated an NPP. The identified concerns are below.

Issue #1. Board Capacity: WIHS Board approves a fifth board member with knowledge of and experience in K-12 education and the board member agrees to join the board, AND/OR the board institutes an active education committee that includes at least one external member that has significant professional expertise in K-12 education.

Issue #2. Instructional Requirements: The school provides a detailed account of how all of the activities (including Wednesday Wellness) support the school's charter contract and meet the state's required instructional minutes.

Issue #3. Attendance: Provide daily student attendance rates for every instructional day from January 3- 27 as well as an analysis of the January attendance trends.

D.

Summary of Perceived Problems and Action Plan

Issue #1. Board recruitment identified as part of Notice of Perceived Problem (NPP) particularly lack of K-12 administrative expertise.

Originally on the board, we had some board members that had a K-12 background. The original charter promised we'd have that piece fulfilled.

Nasreen has requested a one-week extension for the board's response to the NPP. The deadline to respond to the Commission has been extended until March 20, 2023.

Action steps:

1. We will continue looking for a specific board member with K-12 expertise. Kira and Jason will follow-up with prospective board members who observed February board meeting.
2. Form an academic committee with a person with that expertise could serve on the committee could serve on the board. Christine will reach out to C. Boyce about serving on the academic committee.
3. Nasreen and Christine will meet with a prospective board member, G. Goulet, tomorrow at noon.
4. Christine will update board recruitment initiatives on the spreadsheet to include in our response to the Commission.

Issue #2. PE standards and health standards concerns. The Wellness Wednesday classes address four aspects of health and wellness (emotional, physical, social), and the physical education piece could be strengthened. WA Charters Association has been working with Dawn and aligning the Wellness Wednesday area to provide technical support and significant feedback to support Dawn on the process.

Issue #3. The requested Attendance data has been submitted to the Commission.

Other announcements: CSC Site Visit will be on Thursday, March 16th. Halma Abubakar, Jessica de Barros, and Italiana Hughes will be on site.

E. Community Partnerships discussion

We continued the partnership discussion with WhiteSwan Environmental (WE) initiated at the February 2023 board meeting. WIHS will sign the letter of invitation to Bernie Thomas, OSPI, drafted with WE. This letter was shared at the Feb 2023 board meeting.

As a Board, we need to review the other drafted MOU more closely. The Board agreed that we need time for more thoughtful discussion on implications.

II. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Espina