

The Lawson Academy

April 23, 2022 Agenda Meeting Minutes

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Hether Benjamin Brown
Chavon Carr
Terence Frederick
Imogen Papadopoulos
Mary Ramos
Yolanda Smith
Kimberly Wilkinson

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Annette Simmons, Business Manager
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal
Dr. Delic Loyde, Consultant
Maria Anderson, Development Director
Sheila Profit, Business Manager

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Catherine Mosbacher

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- 1. Call to Order.** The Zoom meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:33 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** Quorum was established at 9:33 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer.** Cheryl Lawson led a prayer. A second prayer was offered for the situation in Ukraine.
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (9:36 a.m. – 9:36 a.m.).** Imogen Papadopoulos read the Vision to the Board.
- 6. Approval of Minutes (9:37 – 9:38 a.m.).** Terence Frederick moved the approval of the February 26 and March 26 Board minutes. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, C. Carr, T. Frederick, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson.
- 7. Governance Committee (9:38 – 9:40 a.m.).** Imogen Papadopoulos reported that the Committee was to meet on May 3, hopefully to finish up the Board Policies review. The resignation of Morris Smith was announced and his resignation letter was read to the Board. Mary Ramos said that Morris will continue to be supportive of WALIPP but due to his new role within the company, he will be leaving Houston and can no longer attend meetings.
- 8. Academy Report (9:41 – 10:29 a.m.).** Principal Marthea Raney discussed the current school statistics. Dr. Raney re-presented a slide show about Pre-STAAR Activities underway. Superintendent Cheryl Lawson re-presented the Academic Accountability Review, showing how Domains 1, 2 and 3 are to be used this year. A portion of the STEM for Kids video was presented, demonstrating how this program engages students in entrepreneurial and coding activities. The STEM for Kids program is paid for by our Project Elevate fund raising in the 2020-2021 school year. The Academy Newsletter was presented. Dr. Loyde joined the session and commented on the work being done to review and respond to student learning based on data analysis.

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9. Lone Star Governance (10:28 – 10:37 a.m.). The LSG Board's Quarterly Progress Tracker was reviewed and will be updated by members in attendance. Training achievement was reviewed. There are several persons who need additional hours. Dr. Loyde is offering two (2) dates for training: May 6 (Hether, Chavon, Mary and Kimberly are scheduled to attend) and May 20 (Immy is scheduled to attend). An additional two (2) hours are available from the Texas Attorney General's Office (Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act). Imogen Papadopoulos moved the approval of the LSG Board's Quarterly Progress Tracker. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, C. Carr, T. Frederick I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson.

10. Superintendent's Report (10:37 – 10:49 a.m.). The 2022-2023 Academic Calendar was presented. Terence Frederick moved the approval of the Calendar. Yolanda Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, C. Carr, T. Frederick I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson. Dr. Raney talked about the positive role the Clinician has played this year on campus. Imogen Papadopoulos expressed gladness about the students' self-referral. There was discussion about the continuation of masks on campus. Cheryl Lawson answered that masks continue to be worn by all students and staff. Mary described the very positive parent feedback she heard during the RIPICS (Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Service) meeting she attended. Terence Frederick also commented that the parent stakeholder's feedback had truly pleased him about what the campus leadership had done to make it possible for students to continue learning (laptops, Internet, meals, online instruction, desk barriers, masks, etc.) even though other schools were not as prepared to address the needs around COVID-19. These parents should be recruited to help with enrollment.

11. Executive Session. There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjourn Meeting. Yolanda Smith moved adjournment at 10:49 a.m. Terence Frederick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.