

## **The Lawson Academy**

July 27, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

### **William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Terence Frederick  
Catherine Mosbacher  
Imogen Papadopoulos  
Mary Ramos  
Kimberly Wilkinson

#### **STAFF/GUESTS**

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director  
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal  
Annette Simmons, Business Manager  
Ambassador Arthur Schechter, Advisory Board  
Co-Chair

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Hether Benjamin Brown  
Chavon Carr  
Morris Smith  
Yolanda Smith

### **The Lawson Academy Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 9:45 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** The quorum was established at 9:45 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Academy Vision (9:46 a.m. – 9:47 a.m.).** Cheryl Lawson read the Vision to the Board.
- 6. Approval of Consent Agenda (9:48 – 9:48 a.m.).** Imogen Papadopoulos made a motion to approve Minutes of the June 22, 2019 meeting. Kimberly Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos and K. Wilkinson.
- 7. Academy Report (9:49 – 10:52 a.m.).** Principal Marthea Raney discussed the Stanford 10 results including a comparison of scores from 2017-2018 to 2018-2019. Upcoming staffing was also reviewed. Imogen Papadopoulos suggested that the Academy seek the UH School of Optometry to diagnose student vision, Superintendent Lawson indicated that the Academy has the support of the Prevent Blindness Texas for an on-campus Vision Screening in early September. There was discussion about what kinds of events would get parents more engaged in their student's success. Imogen Papadopoulos suggested that there be a partnership with UH or other colleges to do a doctoral study that relates Parent Engagement to student literary performance. Dr. Raney agreed to solicit such a study. Campus Summer Improvements were briefly reviewed.
- 8. Superintendent's Report (10:52 – 11:10 a.m.).** Review of Enrollment projections with compliments to Catherine Mosbacher for recommending the Common Application under Apply Houston. Reviewed the graphs comparing 5 school years from 2013-2014 to 2017-2018 revenue, and expenditures. There are three (3) active RFPs for vendors: vended meals, student

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transportation and janitorial services. Recommendation of the new contracts will be presented at the August meeting.

**9. Executive Session.** There was no executive session.

**10. Adjourn Meeting.** Imogen Papadopoulos made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. Kimberly Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos and K. Wilkinson.

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### The WALIPP Agenda

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mary Ramos at 11:16 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** The quorum was established at 11:16 a.m.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from June 22, 2019.** Imogen Papadopoulos move the approval of the June 22, 2019 minutes. Catherine Mosbacher seconded the motion. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos and K. Wilkinson.
- 4. Finance and Audit Committee Report.** The June, 2019 financials were reviewed by Business Manager Annette Simmons. Prior month's discussion of increasing income is still pending the return of Paula Sutton. There were no questions on the Budget Analysis reporting which had been issued by email following the June meeting.
- 5. Governance Committee.** There was no report.
- 6. Executive Director's Report.** Executive Director Cheryl Lawson reported that we are advancing a grant opportunity for additional affordable senior housing with a deadline of August 28. The project would allow residents to pay only 30% of their income and would utilize the Midtown Houston Adjacency Project to acquire raw land on Grantwood (the street behind the WALIPP Senior Residence).
- 7. Executive Session.** There was no Executive Session.
- 8. Adjournment.** Kimberly Wilkinson moved adjournment at 11:40 a.m. The motion was approved by T. Frederick, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos and K. Wilkinson.