

**Advanced Learning Academy of Wisconsin**  
**Governance Board Meeting**  
MINUTES

January 19, 2012, 3:30pm Barron High School

**OPEN SESSION – 3:45pm call to order**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jennifer Cox, Wendy Levy, Meleda Mullin (via Skype)

**ABSENT:** Ruth Anderson

**OTHER:** Jennifer Quinlan, program coordinator

**PUBLIC COMMENT(s):** Non-agenda items: No individual presentation shall be for more than five (5) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed (30) minutes. Speakers may choose to speak during the public comment segment and/or at the time an agenda item is presented.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Provide funding for educational opportunities outside of what's provided in current curriculum (i.e., private music lessons, courses at Science Museum, in-person foreign language classes, etc.). The district can not make payments to private parties (ie, private music instructor) but may be able to pay for lessons taken at a music center, for example.
  - a. The matter was discussed and tabled (motion Wendy Levy, second Meleda Mullin) for the next board meeting. Board members will research what other schools are doing, what may be feasible, how much to allot if an allowance is given, etc.

**REPORTS:** Information provided to the Board with no action required.

1. Current enrollment numbers were reported at 39 as of the semester.
2. # of withdrawals first semester were 8 full-time students, two families. One family put their children back in public school, and the other family moved outside of Wisconsin.
3. The board discussed which course providers use for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and determined to not make any changes. For fall 2012, the following providers will be used:
  - a. Wisconsin Virtual School (CESA 9), grades 7-12
  - b. Brigham Young University, grades 7-12
  - c. Seton, grades K-12
  - d. National Connections Academy, grades K-12
  - e. Sonlight, grades K-12
4. Meleda reported on social opportunities for students which have taken place this year: a field trip to watch a play in Eau Claire, gathering at a coffee house, the Nutcracker Ballet in Minneapolis, and a trip to the Science Museum of Minnesota. She indicated spring field trips and get-togethers are in the works. Families have been encouraged to submit ideas of what they would like to do for field trips. Suggestions that have come in included the

Duluth Train Museum, Crystal Cave, and an overnight at the Science Museum of Minnesota.

- a. Jennifer C. mentioned Skate City Wednesdays for homeschoolers. There was also talk of skiing days for homeschoolers at nearby Christie Mountain and Trollhaugen. Meleda is going to get more information and share it with students.
  - b. Wendy asked about students being able to participate in the middle school's winter survival unit. Jennifer Q. reported that the school staff was hesitant to include ALAW students, as they have a whole unit in school that leads up to the survival event. Wendy suggested converting the survival unit into an online course, or making that material available online in order to facilitate ALAW students participating in this very unique experience the district sponsors.
5. Meleda compiled the winter newsletter that went out to families last week. With the newsletter was sent the student/staff directory.
6. Jennifer reported on the open enrollment window for 2012-2013. It is Feb. 6-24. Students who open enrolled this year do not need to open enroll again, they can continue as an ALAW student.
- a. Jennifer Q. gave posters and brochures to all learning facilitators and board members to distribute and hang up for marketing & PR efforts for the school. Information has also been printed in the district newsletter and the local newspaper. Jennifer was interviewed for a commercial on the radio, as part of a campaign the Barron Area School District is running. ALAW is being featured as one of many unique options the Barron Area School district offers.
  - b. Jennifer Cox suggested a representative from ALAW, including Jennifer Q., attend the MACHE conference coming up. It is a homeschool convention with several different course providers in attendance. It would give Jennifer Q. a chance to look at other possible homeschool course provider options.
  - c. Jennifer Q. reported that there were 4 students who transferred from WCA to national connections, plus one new student transferring in from Hudson as mid-year enrollments.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**CLOSED SESSION:** The Charter Council may meet in closed session and may take action upon any of the following action items:

**CHARTER COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS:** Council members who choose to speak will be given five (5) minutes each to discuss a topic not already on the agenda.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**