

# MINUTES

## Shared Journeys Governance Board

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*December 21, 2023 | 5:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Erin Hanson-Baisley*

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### In Attendance

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Terese Beauchamp, Lisa Colla, Erin Hanson-Baisley, Angela Krenz, Jody Landish, Aaron Norris and Ashley Palen

### Approval of Minutes

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September 21, 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

### District Updates

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Aaron provided a West Allis West Milwaukee School District update and shared that the district is actively engaging the community in shaping the future of the district. Additionally, he provided information about the upcoming fall referendum, age of the district's building, and how WAWMSD teacher salaries, revenue limit and mill rate compares with other local school districts.

### Community Engagement

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Consultant - Lisa Colla is working to engage previous partners, including:

- Life's Connection – teaching healthy choices/good and bad touch
- Apostle Church – sponsored Santa Clause Saturday for students and alumni and a Diaper Drive
- Kaztex Foundation– previously has donated \$20,000/year
- Financial Literacy Instruction
- Knights of Columbus – previously reported \$3,000 unrestricted donation. A portion of these funds will be used to purchase the book “The Journey We Share”, authored by Lisa Colla. These books will be given to students and alumni. Lisa is planning to hold a book discussion.
- Looking for someone to teach a Baby Signs class

### Enrollment

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Enrollment is unchanged from 9/21/23. Currently, there are 4 students enrolled in Shared Journeys and 4 toddlers in the infant and toddler classroom. Another student, whose due in the spring and the baby's father may be enrolling Shared Journeys.

### Budget

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Reviewed the budget.

Currently, Erin has no identified needs.

Jenny Szalacinski will be eligible for insurance in January, 2024. The premiums will come from Fund 21.

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## School Updates

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### Attendance:

Attendance has fallen to 88.87% due to several students and toddlers having Covid and RSV

### Community Days:

- Field trip to MATC
- Field trip to Pabst Theatre for a Christmas Carol in December
- Car Seat Safety Clinic
- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast held on 12/21/23 honored 13 volunteers who help in the Infant Lab

### Conferences and Upcoming Activities:

- Erin has been holding individualized conferences with students for progress monitoring and setting academic, personal and parenting goals.
- Individual transcript review completed to schedule students for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester classes.
- Regular semester meetings with each student's counselor and teachers from home High School for collaboration.
- 6-week financial planning program.
- MATC Navigator will be helping students with admission and MATC Promise applications.
- Planning additional campus visits to MATC Oak Creek and WCTC.
- Planning parent-teacher conferences with Childcare Specialist, student and toddler during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

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## Program vs. Charter School

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Shared Journey's School Charter expires in June 2024.

Discussion about renewing charter or returning to being a program of the West Allis West Milwaukee School District.

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## Additional Board Members

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Erin has a candidate who is interested in joining the Governance Board. Erin will forward information about the candidate and we will conduct an email vote. Plan to have the new board member attend the next Governance Board meeting on March 14, 2024.

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## School Tour

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Erin provided a tour of the Shared Journey's space at Madison Elementary School (1117 S 104<sup>th</sup> Street, West Allis)

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### Future Governance Board Meeting Dates

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Thursday March 14, 2024 | 4:00 pm

Thursday May 30, 2024 | 4:00 pm

Erin will provide monthly updates via email

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.