

**Landmark Academy
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
September 28, 2023**

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Landmark Academy was called to order at 6:01 pm, by Kimberly Bowman, Board President. Copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members and posted at Landmark Academy for other interested parties in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Members Present	Members Absent
1. Kimberly Bowman – President & VP	1.
2. Bonnie DiNardo - Secretary	2.
3. LeAnn Loshaw - Treasurer	3.
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2. Regular Business (15 minutes):

Visitors: None

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: There were two pieces of correspondence. One from Dawn at SVSU regarding board training. All our board members have completed the required training. The second piece was the Field Report from Doug Newcomb.

Approval of August 31, 2023, regular board meeting minutes.

Motion by Bonnie DiNardo to approve August 31, 2023, regular board meeting minutes. Second: LeAnn Loshaw

Aye: 3 Opposed: 0

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

Initial BMD

Discussion of Finance Reports

Financial Reports as of August 2023, presented by Lori Lamontagne. There is no State Aid in September. The first State Aid payment will be received in October. Enrollment is currently at 823.

Motion by Bonnie DiNardo to approve August 2023, Finance Report as presented. Second: LeAnn Loshaw

Aye: 3

Opposed: 0

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

3. Executive Leadership Update (40 minutes)

Debby Wilton (Superintendent): Debby and Danielle Shannon went to the induction of the new president of SVSU. It was a great event. They heard lots of wonderful things about the new president and were able to do some networking.

Sabrina Vincent is our new Curriculum Director and Debby has been working with her to update and align our curriculum. Landmark has also added an instructional coach position that has been filled by Renee Crawford. Renee will be going into the classroom to observe and then provide feedback on classroom management and instructional techniques.

Adam Hoskins (K-5): Elementary has several upcoming events. Coffee and Conversation will be held on October 12th at 8:30 a.m. in the MSHS Café. On October 14th, we will be hosting a Trunk or Treat and October 17th will be McTeacher night at the Wadhams McDonald. Kindergarten enrollment has been promoted through a mailer and Facebook posts. There are several new student clubs that will be starting this month, including the Arts and Crafts club, Drum Bucket club and a Book club. Adam has been working with teachers to develop growth plans. To celebrate count day, the Elementary building will be having a Blue and White day with drawings for fun treats.

Tom Gostinger (MSHS): September has flown by. We have had drill practices, working on setting growth plans with teachers, and talking with students about expectations. This week progress reports will be sent out. Clubs are starting back up and we have a couple of new clubs this year, including the History club, and the Link Crew club. Angie Chmielewski will be running the Link Crew club. This club will pair new students with long-time Landmark students. The goal is to help new students acclimate to Landmark and help them feel a part of Landmark. Youth for Christ will also be starting back up for students who choose to attend. There are also a few students who will be finishing up their NWEA testing. Homecoming is next week with spirit days all week long. October will also see seniors painting parking spaces and adding their handprint to the wall in the café. A staff Professional Development Day is scheduled for October 13.

We have a new response system that is connected with Homeland Security. Our new alert system is also being installed. You can see the new alert light in the ceiling of classrooms, meeting rooms, and the hallways. This system will allow any staff to call a lockdown, report an emergency or request help. The administration team will do training first and then bring it to the staff. Kim Bowman asked how the system will know which color to flash. Debby explained that the number of times the emergency button is pressed lets the system know which color to flash.

Initial BMD

Debby Wilton moved on to the State Assessment data. She mentioned that the growth data looks good, and that Tom Gostinger and Adam Hoskins will go over the data for their buildings.

Tom communicated strategies that will be used by staff for improvement. First is to use the PLC process and Wednesday meetings to look at and talk about the data. To recognize where students are at and how to best help them move forward. The second strategy is to use SSR more effectively. This is a great opportunity to talk about test taking strategies and reteach test taking techniques. Bonnie DiNardo asked what SSR stood for, and Tom explained that it stands for Seminar Support and Recovery. Additionally, our veteran teachers can also support our new teachers with tips on classroom management and instruction so that more learning is happening. Third, we have some new programs that we are implementing this year. The new math program is adaptive so the students can start at their level and progress upwards as they learn. Lastly, we are working to have more interactive classrooms.

Adam went over several programs that Elementary will be using. Lexia is a program that was started late last year and will continue this year and has been built into the a.m. routine. A guided reading program has also been started. Reveal is the new math program that grades 2-5 will be using and K-1 will continue using My Math. Elementary will also continue to use Prodigy. A Math Essentials teacher was hired at the end of last year and she will be working with students who require the extra support. Our K - 5 online has changed programs to Accelerate which allows for both online and workbook learning.

Debby explained that our online MSHS students have switched programs as well. They are now using Edmentum, and we have seen great success so far. Students are online more and getting more work done. Kim Bowman asked if we were still doing the VR learning this year. Debby said yes, that will be starting in October with some grades. Bonnie DiNardo asked Debby if she thought the NWEA dip from 2019 to 2021 was related to COVID. Debby said yes, she does. Kim asked how many of our students were online in 2021. Debby explained that about 30% of our students were online then. Many of them were not able to have the support they needed at home to be successful. Even our in-person students fell behind. As many were out several times due to exposure quarantine regulations or being sick themselves. Fall data is our baseline data to see where the students are and if there are areas we should focus on. Kim asked if we tracked the difference between new students and returning students. Debby let the board know that yes, we do track this

4. Board Strategy & Planning (20 minutes)

The new Centegix alert system training for administration will be October on 11th. Kim asked if this system would be in both buildings. Debby explained that yes, this system is for both buildings. If a lockdown is called, both buildings would go on lockdown, while the situation is investigated. After more information is obtained, Administration can cancel the lockdown for either one or both buildings.

Kim asked for updates on the search for new board members. Kim is working with a community partner, trying to recruit new board members. Debby, Danielle and Bonnie have also been working on this task.

Kim asked Adam which car group is supporting the Trunk or Treat. Adam explained that they are parents of students at Elementary and their car group is called New Style Customs.

5. Adjournment: The next regular board meeting will be October 26, 2023, at 12:00pm.

Initial BMO

Motion by Bonnie DiNardo to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Second: LeAnn Loshaw

Aye: 3

Opposed: 0

Discussion: None

Motion Carried

Board Secretary Signature

BDiNardo

Date

10-27-2023

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