

**Minutes of the York Adams Academy**

**May 26, 2020**

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom online meeting.

Mrs. Ellen Freireich called the meeting to order.

**I. Attendance**

Board Members Present:

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| Central York  | - Mrs. Veronica Gemma  |
| Dallastown    | - Mrs. Sue Heistand    |
| Dover         | - Mr. Terry Emig       |
| Spring Grove  | - Mrs. Karen Baum      |
| West York     | - Mr. Donald Carl      |
| York Suburban | - Mrs. Ellen Freireich |

Board Members Not in Attendance:

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| Eastern York  | - Mr. Richard Zepp    |
| Northeastern  | - Mr. Michael Redding |
| Red Lion      | - Mr. Jay Vasellas    |
| South Eastern | - Mr. Brian Hoffman   |

Also in Attendance:

- Dr. Michael Snell – Superintendent of Record
- Mr. Christopher Fultz – Director
- Mr. Brent Kessler – Business Manager
- Mrs. Cynthia Tomevi - Coordinator of Student Services

**II. Student of the Meeting:** No student of the meeting

**III. Approval of the Minutes:** April Minutes stand as accepted by the Board.

**IV. Discussion Items**

- A. YAA Operations during COVID-19 – Mr. Christopher Fultz reported that graduation is cancelled for June. A one call was sent to all students. Dr. Michael Snell and Mrs. Ellen Freireich wrote letters to graduates and they should arrive in the mail around June 3, 2020. June graduates have been invited to the December 2020 commencement ceremony. Mrs. Veronica Gemma would like the letter sent to all members of the Joint Board of Directors. We have scheduled a student book return in the parking lot for next week:

Monday, June 1 – 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 2 – 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 3 – 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

- B. Proposed changes to the Graduation Requirements- Mr. Christopher Fultz proposed a change to the graduation requirements from 23 credits to 21 credits. Dr. Michael Snell asked the board to consider the credit reduction: the proposed change would reduce the required Social Studies credits to three from four credits and elective credits would stay at seven but the Career Awareness course would be one of the seven elective credits and not a separate entity.

## **V. Action Items**

- A/B. Approval of Treasurer’s Report and Approval of Bills – Mr. Terry Emig made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and payment of the bills for April 2020. Mrs. Sue Heistand seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.
- C. Approval of June 2020 Graduates – Mr. Terry Emig made a motion to accept the list of graduates starting with Marlys Rivera and ending with Alexis Ingram and any other students completing the graduation requirements this Spring. Mrs. Karen Baum seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.
- D. Approval of a new course – Mythology (E500) for 0.5 credit – Mr. Donald Carl made a motion to approve and Mrs. Sue Heistand seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
- E. Approval of the Course Selection Guide – Mrs. Karen Baum made a motion to accept the new Course Selection Guide, Mrs. Sue Heistand seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
- F. Approval of the School Board Meeting Dates for the 2020-2021 school year – there were some questionable dates so this matter will be on the agenda for the August meeting.
- G. Approval of Jill Kling for the Coordinator of Student Services position with a salary of \$54,570 starting July 1, 2020. Mr. Terry Emig made a motion to accept the hiring of Jill Kling, Mrs. Karen Baum seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

## **VI. President’s Report**

- A. Mrs. Ellen Freireich thanked Mr. Christopher Fultz and Dr. Michael Snell for all their hard work this school year.

## **VII. Coordinator of Student Services Report**

- A. Mrs. Cynthia Tomevi reported that teachers and staff are encouraging students to finish their coursework during these last weeks of school. Many students have picked up the pace with the graduation deadline looming.

## **VIII. Director's Report**

- A. Enrollment Report- Mr. Christopher Fultz reported that we have sixty-six (66) graduates to date and three (3) of our students have one (1) credit or less to complete all their graduation requirements. Fifty-Seven (57%) of our seats are full. Total graduates to date: 4148.
- B. Staffing update –We have had no applications for the Full-time Math position that was posted a couple months ago. There are no applications yet for the Part-time Teaching position that was posted one week ago.

## **IX. Superintendent of Record's Report (Dr. Michael Snell)**

- A. Dr. Michael Snell thanked Mrs. Beth Bucher, Mrs. Beth Sheaffer and Mrs. Cindy Tomevi for their service. He also thanked Mr. Christopher Fultz for his forward thinking by giving the students the option of “Accelerate Your Learning at Home” and working to improve the effectiveness of the program.

## **X. Adjournment:**

With unanimous consent, the York Adams Academy Joint Authority Committee adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next YAA Joint Authority Committee meeting is at 7:00 p.m. August 26, 2020 via Zoom.



Brent A. Kessler, Board Secretary, York Adams Academy