## Washtenaw Technical

MIDDLE COLLEGE

## Meeting Minutes – WTMC Board of Directors February 19, 2020

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman White at 8:06 a.m.
- **II. Roll Call:** The following members were present: Chairman White, Director Gensheimer, Director Jackson, Director Miller, Director Milshteyn, Director Peurach, Director Richards-Schuster and Richard Landau
- III. Public/Staff Communications: There were none at this meeting.
- **IV. Presentation by WTMC Science Department:** Annie Broderick presented a flow chart of science sequencing starting with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade program. Annie and Elise Weber are teaching Middle College chemistry during the winter semester. Michele Vanhala touched on the environmental science curriculum she and Katie Torkelson-Regan taught this past fall. They conducted water testing outside around campus, and looked and ecosystems including plants and animals. During the winter semester they are focusing on the Earth's climate and climate change, as well as sustainable food systems. Drew Zemper shared with everyone what was going on with the green house on top of the LA building and the aquaponics systems. The build out is going well and the students have been instrumental in helping out. He touched on the class he is currently teaching this semester BioChem/aquaponics. Spring courses offered by the science department will include Middle College forensic science, health, physical education and a scientific literacy course. Dr. Covert praised the Science department for their incredible work over the last 10 years. We currently have 7 courses being taught.
- V. Updates and Announcements: Director White shared how fabulous the new WTMC website looks.
- **VI. Consent Agenda:** The Meeting Agenda, Meeting Minutes and Acceptance of the November and December 2019 financial statements were approved. Director Gensheimer moved and Director Milshteyn seconded, the motion carried unanimously.
- **VII: Committee Presentations:** Governance Committee; Chairman White and Director Richards-Schuster recently met with a potential new board member. The Policy Committee and Finance Committee had nothing to report.
- **VIII. New Business:** Dr. Covert showcased the new WTMC logo letter head, newsletter and shared with the group the changes to the new WTMC website. The recent website changes have made it easier to navigate, cleaner and very user friendly. Admissions for next fall are in full swing, and the lottery for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade program

will be held on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Tl228. WTMC now has a Twitter account, which is being run by Michelle Vanhala from the Science department.

**IX. Adjournment:** Chairman White moved to adjourn and Director Miller seconded, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Alex Milshteyn
Secretary, WTMC Board of Directors