

# Gate City Charter School for the Arts

Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date: September 19, 2023

Time: 7:10 PM

Location: Gate City Charter School for the Arts, 7 Henry Clay Rd, Merrimack, NH with a remote option

## Voting Board Members in Attendance:

Neil Mahoney

Grace Cavallo

Sarah Marchand

Sarah Thibeault (Secretary)

Danielle Charest (Chair)

## Absent Board Members:

Manny Paolucci

## Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Jennifer Blanchette

## Attending Public:

## Public Comments/Public Matters

## **Committee Reports**

PTO- Sarah Thibeault- Discussion of all the awesome events coming up, including meet and greet breakfast and Fall Festival

Curriculum Committee- Jennifer Blanchette-See Directors Report

H/R Policy Committee- -No Meeting

PR and Community Relations committee-- See Director's report.

Grants Committee- see directors report.

Facilities Committee- Eric Charest-See Directors report

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Building Committee-Danielle Charest- Next step would be looking at finances.

**MOTION** (Sarah Thibeault/Neil Mahoney) Motion to accept the committee meeting reports was accepted unanimously.

## Finance Committee Meeting

See Directors report

## Old Business

Strategic planning-Teachers are very excited to be a part of this planning. Teachers can edit the document so it can be an ongoing document with ebbs and flows. Most grades were represented by staff, and they exhibit so much passion for the school. Ongoing work on the mission of the school to make it a little less wordy. We are looking for input from parents that are a little less involved in school activities and volunteering..

Board Nominations- **MOTION** (Sarah Thibeault/Neil Mahoney) Motion to affirm Sarah Marchand as Vice Chair was accepted unanimously.

## New Business

Changing the day of the week of the BoT meeting was discussed and it was decided to keep the meeting on the third Tuesday of the month.

## Directors Report

Facilities

- Ceiling repairs

Finance

- Doe 25 submitted and navigating approval
- First student adequacy funding received

PR

- Arts and technology initiative
- Enrollment drive 168 current

Events:

Held:

- Title I and music camp June 26 through August 19th
- New staff orientation August 21st 9am

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- Teachers return August 28th (rooms complete prior)
- EAs/Teachers returned August 29th
- New Year social aug 29 1:30pm
- September 13th Strategic Plan Presentation/Feedback
- Picture Day September 14th

Upcoming:

- Community Dinner/Alma training Sept 23
- Drama Club begins September 24th
- PTO dance sept 29th
- October 4th Curriculum Night

Curriculum:

- Elective shift to core and interest-based
- Integrated arts planning
- Mystery Science renewed
- Savvas renewed
- Iready window beginning October
- Tech integrated arts plan
- Music lessons
- Band beginning

Grants:

- Writing and process training
- Title I, 2 and 4 started, written, and approved
- Promising Futures submitted September 11, potential \$25k
- Tech headphones received from previous grant application

Staffing:

- Need: part time para
- One-on-one hire

Professional Development:

- Playful Classroom Book Group
- EA training/ round table
- Teacher led pd

Admin:

- Charter School DOE meeting
- BOY report
- Collection of beginning year paperwork
- Staff page

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- Charter School Alliance meeting
- Charter School Conference September 19-20:
  - Grant Writing/Grant Landscape
  - Assessing School Needs
  - Promoting student engagement
  - Charter school sustainability
  - Student emotional health needs
  - Networking

**MOTION** (Neil Mahoney /Sarah Thibeault) **Motion** to adjourn Unanimously accepted.

The next public meeting is Tuesday, October 17 at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM