

Gate City Charter School for the Arts

Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:

“The mission of the GCCSA is to use an arts integrated curriculum ... to produce graduates who excel in both academics and the arts and have the knowledge, creativity and inquisitive nature that foster a life-long love of learning.”

Meeting Date: June 20, 2023

Time: 7:08 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)

Absent Board Members:

Manny Paolucci

Danielle Charest (Chair)

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Jennifer Blanchette

Attending Public:

Public Comments/Public Matters

Approval of Minutes from the May 2023 Meeting

MOTION (Sarah Thibeault /Grace Cavallo) Motion to approve March 2023 meeting minutes was accepted unanimously.

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Committee Reports

PTO- Sarah Thibeault- Discussion of Field Day and planning meeting for the following year

Curriculum Committee- Jennifer Blanchette-See Directors Report

H/R Policy Committee- -No Meeting

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

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Grants Committee- see directors report.

Facilities Committee- Eric Charest-See Directors report

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

Report for the end of year is fiscally sound for the summer. A \$1700 per student increase has been accepted by the state. More info to be found in the director's report.

Old Business

Strategic planning-Thursday July 6 1:30-4pm a strategic planning meeting will take place an invitation to Mike Keagan to sit in for the meeting.

MOTION (Sarah Thibeault /Grace Cavallo) Motion to move BoT nominations to July 2023 meeting was accepted unanimously.

Directors Report

Facilities

- HVAC work completed
- Summer projects planned

Finance

- 2023-24 State Budget passed with a per pupil increase of 1700 per student
- Federal fiscal grant monitoring for Esser grants, Titles I, II, IV response:
 - CAPs complete
 - Policy updates passed
 - Evidence sent

Recent Community Events/Activities:

- 8th grade graduation
- 8th Grade trips/service day
- Field Day

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- Tie Dye
- Art Auction/Arts Night
- Final community meeting
- Trills and Thrills
- Spirit Week
- Semi formal

Upcoming Events:

- Title I and music camp June 26 through August
- New staff orientation
- New Year social aug 29

Staffing:

- All full-time classroom teacher positions filled
- Job openings: EAs Ms, sped coordinator

PD:

June 15 EAs, Teacher

June 16 Teachers

Online PD menu: suicide prevention

Responsive Classroom(3 day)

Foundations

Moab

Admin:

- Federal CAP
- End of year expectations/ checklist
- Reviews/contracts
- Exit interviews
- Exit surveys
- Revisiting job descriptions
- Classroom Parent Program
- Restructuring of electives
- Meeting with dream academy
- Meeting with mark Kenan (Charter School Advocate, Board Member, Alliance involved)
- Scheduled meeting with VP United Way
- Bullying investigation

Academic Testing:

- State Testing completed

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- i-READY
 - Reading: 29% ABV, 25% AT , 32% APPROACHING, 9% Below, 5% More than 1 below
 - Math: 14% ABV, 19% AT, 45% APPROACHING ,15% Up to 1 below, 7% More than 1
 - Math: 80% comparatively
 - Reading: 76% comparatively

Enrollment:

- 175 23-24
- Initiative to publicize 5th grade

Grants:

- Title I grant submitted
- Title II grant submitted
- Title IV grant submitted
- Esser III submitted

MOTION (Sarah Thibeault /Sarah Marchand) **Motion** to enter Non-Public RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 8:15 pm Unanimously accepted.

MOTION (Sarah Thibeault /Sarah Marchand) **Motion** to leave Non-Public RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 8:35 pm Unanimously accepted.

MOTION (Sarah Thibeault /Sarah Marchand) **Motion** to seal the minutes in Non-Public session Unanimously accepted.

MOTION (Grace Cavallo /Sarah Thibeault) **Motion** to adjourn Unanimously accepted.

The next public meeting is Tuesday, May 16 at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM