

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: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Time: 7:04 PM

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

Voting Board Members in Attendance:

Danielle Charest (Chair) -remote

Sarah Thibeault (Secretary)-remote

Rebecca Boutin-Remote

Neil Mahoney (Parent Rep)-remote

Grace Cavallo-Remote

Absent Board Members:

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Jennifer Blanchette-remote

Attending Public:

Public Comments/Public Matters

Approval of Minutes from September 2021

MOTION (Sarah Thibeault/Neil Mahoney) Motion to approve the October 2021 Meeting Minutes was accepted unanimously.

Committee Reports

PTO- Sarah Thibeault- Fall Fest was a hit with the students and staff. School Store was opened 2/3 days a week during lunch, and the students are so happy. The Trunk or Treat was canceled because of the rainstorm.

Curriculum Committee- Jennifer Blanchette-See Directors Report

H/R Policy Committee- -No Meeting

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PR and Community Relations committee- Sarah Thibeault- Paige is working on a website branding kit. The committee is looking to display artist of the month artwork in different public places in the area. Facebook is doing well with posting about the artist of the month, MythBusters, and other engaging posts. This year’s scarecrow came in third place the trophy will be displayed with the others. Next year we will make sure the scarecrow has a sign or plaque showing the school’s name. The calendars raised \$400 and were a straightforward fundraiser. If we decide to offer them next year, we will start soliciting ad space earlier. RaiseCraze will be held in February, and we are hoping to raise \$5000 through acts of kindness. School Choice is 1/23-1/29, we are getting media coverage, and Paige is planning some fun events for the week. The kindergarten lottery is scheduled for March; ads are going out announcing our info nights. We are hoping to get information out on summer programs by April, so parents have more time to make plans for these programs.

Grants Committee- No Meeting

Facilities Committee- Eric Charest- The new phones came in over Thanksgiving break.

Building Committee-Danielle Charest A survey needs to go out to parents asking about location. The lawyer has said to wait to collaborate with the new landlord is before making any decisions with the lease.

MOTION (Sarah Thibeault/Grace Cavallo) Motion to accept the committee meeting reports was carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Meeting

See directors report. A monthly meeting time and date need to be set.

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

Old Business

New Business

December Meeting- Discussion about whether we should forgo a December meeting and replace it with a meeting in July.

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MOTION (Sarah Thibeault/Grace Cavallo) Motion to forgo the December BoT meeting replace it with a meeting in July. A special meeting can be called if needed in December was accepted unanimously

Directors Report

Facility

- Fire drill executed successfully
- Phones acquired for the school
- Building Committee underway

Finance

- Audit for 2019-20 still underway
- 2021-22 audit extended
- Lease Aid application completed

Grants

- Title I increase to \$71,244.81
- 2019-20 Essers/Cares reported until April 2020
- Reporting for Title II and IV up to date

State Reporting Updates

- November counts submitted

State Testing

- SAS accommodations training
- Tide training

Staffing Update

- Hired a Tech teacher
- SM and SB long-term subbing in 4/5

Special Education update

- Nashua change in/ absent case managers
- All other districts' services in place
- IEP, compensatory, new evaluation, amendment meetings

Curriculum

- Writing A-Z acquired
- Raz Kids acquired
- Vocabulary A-Z acquired
- Writer of the month added

Covid Update:

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- Covid Cases confirmed: 6
- Potential cluster/Remote offering
- Volunteers needed

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

Next public meeting Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM