

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: October 18, 2022

Time: 7:07 PM

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

Voting Board Members in Attendance:

Danielle Charest (Chair)

Sarah Thibeault (Secretary)

Rebecca Boutin

Neil Mahoney (Parent Rep)

Grace Cavallo

Absent Board Members:

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Jennifer Blanchette

Attending Public:

Amanda McKenna

Mandy Darah

Sarah Cronin

Laura Czerlonka

Public Comments/Public Matters

Amanda McKenna discussed safety at school dismissal. Jennifer Blanchette assured her that staff will be reminded of the proper policies for early dismissal by parents

Approval of Minutes from the September 2022 Meeting

MOTION (Grace Cavallo/Neil Mahoney) Motion to move approval of the September 2022 Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously.

Committee Reports

PTO- Sarah Thibeault- The meeting was postponed allowing for parent/teacher conferences

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Curriculum Committee- Jennifer Blanchette-See Directors Report

H/R Policy Committee- -No Meeting

PR and Community Relations committee- Sarah Thibeault- Discussion of forming a Raise Craze committee.

Grants Committee- No Meeting

Facilities Committee- Eric Charest- See Directors report

Building Committee-Danielle Charest- No meeting, however Academy for Science and Design might be relocating.

MOTION (Grace Cavallo/Neil Mahoney) Motion to accept the committee meeting reports was accepted unanimously.

Finance Committee Meeting

See director report

Old Business

Update to student/parent handbook- **MOTION** (Grace Cavallo/Rebecca Boutin) Motion to accept the language for the student/ parent handbook was accepted unanimously.

New Business

BoT Board Terms- Discussion of board terms was tabled until March 2023

New BoT member- Manny Paolucci. Manny comes to us with a vast amount of experience, sitting on various boards including David’s House and Keller Williams. He has coached baseball and basketball and has a student at GCCSA.

The Board of Affairs committee would like to present Manny Paolucci as a member of the Gate City Charter School for the Arts Board of Trustees.

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

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Directors Report

Facilities

- Phones/Internet Comcast: New contract signed

Grants:

- ESSER Grant Audit- Report Complete
 - Zero actionable findings
- 2021-22 Grants Closed
- 2022-23 Title grants being written
- Association of American Educators Grant application submitted
- Dreyfus Association Grant application submitted

Finance

- Lease Aid granted: \$37,849.02 dispersed in two parts
- Extension for audit completion granted
- W2 transition underway

Community Events/Activities:

- Community Meeting/Artist-of-the-month
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Artwalk
- PTO Hero Dance restaurant nights

Teams/Afterschool Updates:

- OM Team/Judging
- Chinese Culture/Language Club
- Auditions/ Theater for Spring

Staffing:

- Staff needed: 1 Teacher, 1-2 Educational assistants
Interviews to begin tomorrow
- Caleb Swann and Susan McDonald return this week

Admin

- Handbook voting draft complete
- Establish weekly team meetings
- Teacher Development Day
 - Arts Integration, Differentiation, and Project-Based Learning in a Responsive Classroom format
- Charter School Meeting
- Information Sessions scheduled: 11/16, 1/18, 4/19
- Blue Zone Health partnership
- Teacher observations

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Reporting:

- Accountability Report in process
- BOY verified
- EOP submitted (plan and survey)

Curriculum:

- Teacher planning sessions/collaboration
- One Trusted Adult pilot

MOTION (Grace Cavallo/Neil Mahoney) Motion to enter Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 was accepted unanimously.

MOTION (Grace Cavallo/Neil Mahoney) Motion to leave Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 was accepted unanimously.

MOTION (Sarah Thibeault/Neil Mahoney) Motion to enter seal the Non-Public Session minutes were accepted unanimously.

MOTION (Grace Cavallo/Neil Mahoney) **Motion** to adjourn Unanimously accepted.

The next public meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM