

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: May16, 2023

Time: 7:25 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

Manny Paolucci

Danielle Charest (Chair)

Sarah Thibeault (Secretary)

Absent Board Members:

Manny Paolucci

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Jennifer Blanchette

Attending Public:

Public Comments/Public Matters

Approval of Minutes from the March 2023 Meeting

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

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Committee Reports

PTO- Sarah Thibeault- Discussion of upcoming events tie dye and field day

Curriculum Committee- Jennifer Blanchette-See Directors Report

H/R Policy Committee- -No Meeting

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

Grants Committee- see directors report.

Facilities Committee- Eric Charest- Phone system is installed and working

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 director report

Old Business

2023-2024 school calendar was discussed

MOTION (Sarah Marchand /Sarah Thibeault) Motion to accept 2023-2024 school calendar was accepted unanimously.

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New Business

Bot nominations are being moved to June meeting

Discussion on when strategic planning will be held and who will be involved, besides board members.

Directors Report

Facilities

- HVAC work continues

Finance

- 2023-24 Budget passed
 - Longevity Bonus to be implemented
- GCCSA taxes filed
- Federal fiscal grant monitoring Final Report issued for Esser grants, Titles I, II, IV:
 - CAPs underway
 - Policy updates and CAPs due June 8th

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Recent Community Events/Activities:

- NH Stonehenge trip 4th and 5th
- Revolutionary War Reenactment
- All-School Dance Party for World Dance Day
- Coin Wars
- Waitlist Lottery May 10th

Upcoming Events:

- May 18th, Charter School tour 10am
- Community Meeting May 19th 9am
- 7th and 8th Semi Formal May 20th 6:30-9pm
- May 25th Arts Night 6-8pm
- Tie Dye, 5th and 6 th of June
- June 5th 8th Grade Day of Service
- June 7th and 8th day trips for 8th grade
- June 12th Field Day
- June 14th graduation 6pm
- June 15th last day students, ½ day
- June 16th Teacher Day
- Title I Camp July-August

Staffing:

- All full-time classroom teacher positions filled
- Job openings: EAs, Part-time Special Educator, Substitute

PD:

- MOAB training scheduled from new community relationship with Youth Council

Admin:

- Federal CAPs
- Federal Policy adjustments (required submission date June 9th)

- Charter School Meeting/Speaker 5-7 Puritan Backroom April 20th
 - BOT and Director relationships
 - Role of the BOT

- Charter School Meeting May 16th
- School Calendar

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- Contracts. IPs
- Lottery process reviewed

Academic Testing:

- State Testing window closing
- i-READY Final Assessment begins 22nd

Community Partnerships

- Blue Zone Health Visits
- YMCA
 - Discounts, Space sharing, program sharing, dual employment

Grants:

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

MOTION (Grace Cavallo /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 /Manny Paolucci) **Motion** to seal the minutes in Non-Public session Unanimously accepted.

MOTION (Grace Cavallo /Manny Paolucci) **Motion** to adjourn Unanimously accepted.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM