

Greer Middle College Charter High School Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Thursday, September 8, 2011

Greenville Technical College - Greer Campus

In attendance: Jerry Denman, Ted Hoffman, Colton Keasler, Carol McDonald, Vernon Rutland, Joel Welch, Mary Beth Culbertson, Julie Styles, Mark Thornburgh

Absent: Benjamin Buck, Mark Sears

1. Call to Order – 6:07 PM
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion to adopt Agenda: Jerry Denman
 - 2nd: Mark Thornburgh
 - Unanimous vote of approval
3. Public Comments
 - Two persons addressed the board:
 1. Frankie Casey
 2. Juanita Cowden
4. Approval of July Meeting minutes
 - Motion made to adopt the July Minutes as written: Carol McDonald
 - 2nd: Vernon Rutland
 - Unanimous vote of approval
5. Principal's Report
 - Selected to be a part of Leadership Greer. Also received a scholarship from the Greer Chamber so it will be half price.
 - Open house was a huge success.
 - Resolved land lease issue with Greenville Tech-Ted will give details.
 - Have met with the enrollment people from Greenville tech and have already begun to resolve some of the issues that happened at the start of school.
 - Continuing to provide support for the Pennington Family and all of our students through this tragedy.
 - Have been meeting and talking with parents concerned about the English II reading list. An email was sent this morning to all the ones I have met with or spoken with via email.
 - All issues with the Film Criticism class have been resolved.
 - Progress Reports will be distributed this Friday in advisory.
 - Parent Portal is up and running. Parents have been sent instructions on how to use this tool.
 - Met with Greenville Pest Control yesterday about a schedule for spraying for bugs, especially in the Café. They sprayed yesterday and will come monthly to spray for bugs, etc.
6. Development Report
 - We have 377 students enrolled as of today. 110 Freshmen, 103 Sophomores, 91 Juniors and 73 Seniors.
 - There will be an Open House for prospective students at Praise Cathedral on the evening of November 2nd.

- School tours will begin in December.
- Open Enrollment Dates are Jan 3rd through Feb 3rd.
- Applications for the current year can occur at any time but no more students will be added until January.
- Graduation will be May 22 at North Hills Community Church.
- Public Relations: Chicken Dance with Greer Chamber of Commerce. Strictly a publicity event, last year's winner had 40 thousand votes.
- Harvest Hope Red Basket event is Sept 28. Working with Scott Stevens on this event.
- Funds raised to date: \$8,800 from Fall for GMC
 - \$9 K from the Community
 - \$9 K from Coupon Books
 - Pledges \$1,445-2 new from Open House and the rest from last year
 - \$28 K Total this year from Development.

7. Old Business

- Facilities Report –Facilities issues will be presented at the Leadership Summit on Sept 27-28th in Columbia, hosted by the Public Charter School Alliance.
- Finance Report—Last year's audit has been completed. The audit went well. Special thanks to Wendy McKinney and Skip Snow for all of their hard work. Skip will check with the auditors to see if they can be present at our October board meeting.
- Policy Committee Update—continuing to gather information from the administration and others relative to the reading list and other potential policies for GMC. Spoke to Jane Taylor at Public Charter School Alliance, and Fred Crawford. Met with David Dolge to get continuity between this year's and last year's policies.
- Board Training—Reminder for non-certified Board members to go online, view a webinar and complete the State required training. Send the confirmation to Wendy and Jane online.
- Land lease renewal has been signed between GMC and the Greenville Tech Greer campus.
- The three Greenville Tech Charter High Schools are continuing to negotiate the Fine Arts Center fee with the Greenville County School District. GMC currently has six students participating in this program.

8. New Business

- Fundraising letter is under review, changes are being made. Board members will be asked to contact each family if needed for a complete response. Working to put ourselves in best financial position before beginning Building Campaign. Asking for 100% participation from Board as well as parents.
- Charter renewal process begins later this year. We are working to include parental comments in this process.
- Board Calendar Events
 1. September 27-28 --Leadership Conference in Columbia.
 2. Oct 7—First Friday @ Greer Chamber.
 3. Oct 10-11th—Fall Break
 4. Beta Club and National Honor Society Induction Ceremonies.
 5. Compass Testing

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Mary Beth Culbertson

2nd: Joel Welch
Unanimous vote of approval

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM