



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Minutes

July 25, 2016

Board Members present: Patty Baucom, Eddie Burch, Jeff Bullock, Brian Dentler, Keith King, Tony Kouskolekas, Donna Smith, and Pauline Sternick

Absent: John Mansure, John Short, Ryan Summey

AGENDA

1. Call to Order at 6:00 PM by Donna Smith
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion to approve agenda: Patty Baucom
2nd: Eddie Burch
Vote: Unanimous
3. Public Comments - none
4. Approval of June 27, 2016 Minutes
 - Motion to approve June 27, 2016 minutes: Eddie Burch
2nd: Tony Kouskolekas
Vote: Unanimous
5. Administrative and Committee Reports
 - a. Principal Report and Blazer Minute – see below
 - b. Development Report (Heather Wyss)
 - Winkler Group Presentation Summary
 - 25-30% response rate to parent survey which is excellent (10-15% is usual)
 - 96% positive view of GMCCHS
 - 93% excellent or above average view on academics
 - 91% positive view of faculty, staff, management
 - 96% very or moderately with 74% very interested in the future of GMCCHS
 - 100% board participation, according to ability, is key
 - Project timeline and great communication from the start
 - Recommendation is for a Major Gifts Initiative (MGI) with a Celebration Goal of \$400,000 and a Stretch Goal of \$500,000
 - Share results of the study with constituency via letter and e-mail, and personal phone calls to identified leadership prospects
 - Work with MGI counsel to:
 - Refine case for support, develop a communications and marketing plan and a mechanism for dissemination
 - Create a fundraising project plan and timeline for the major gifts initiative
 - Identify, recruit and train a core group of volunteers who will serve as the major gifts committee and who will become advocates for the project.

- Motion to move forward with the Winkler Group to facilitate Major Gift Initiative (MGI): Eddie Burch
2nd: Brian Dentler
Vote: unanimous

Discussion of additional help for Heather to handle MGI. Winkler recommended that 60% of her time be spent on MGI. We have some funds available because the Winkler MGI proposal is under budget due to the planning study target amount recommendation.

Donna Smith asked that we consider designating \$209,000 of FY17 transition funds to complete one of the first floor building wings and \$50,000 to equip Science Lab to save on the change order fee that will occur if we wait until after October.

- Motion to authorize Facilities and Finance Committees to identify designation of funds for MGI and transition funds: Keith King
2nd: Brian Dentler
Vote: Unanimous

Action Item: Facilities and Finance Committees will meet within the next 2 weeks to decide designation of funds so MGI can move forward.

c. Chairman Report - none

d. Facilities Report – none

The first Construction Meeting is scheduled for August 2 at 10:00 AM at GMC. GTC will send a representative to that meeting. David Langley sent final building renderings to GTC Area Commission for inclusion on their August agenda.

e. Financial Report – see below

- Motion to accept June Financial Report: Tony Kouskolekas
2nd: Patty Baucom
Vote: unanimous

f. Policy/Governance Report

FY17 Student Handbook has been revised to include 10 point grading scale adopted by the SC Department of Education with changes to Honor Graduate Recognition as follows:

Summa Cum Laude is 4.5 and above **moves to 4.6 and above**

Magna Cum Laude is 4.25 - 4.49 **moves to 4.35-4.59**

Cum Laude is 4.0 - 4.24 **moves to 4.1-4.34**

Each year until 2019-2020, GPA will move up .1 of a point. The total movement will be .4 of a point to reflect the 10 point grading scale.

- Motion to approve FY17 Student Handbook Revision with 10 point grading scale: Patty Baucom
2nd: Jeff Bullock
Vote: Unanimous
- Motion to approve Bylaw Election Revision: Patty Baucom
2nd: Eddie Burch
Vote: Unanimous

- Motion to adopt Principal Review Policy: Patty Baucom
2nd: Brian Dentler
Vote: Unanimous
- Motion to adopt FY17 Annual Strategic Calendar/Board Meeting Schedule: Patty Baucom
2nd: Eddie Burch
Vote: Unanimous
- Motion to nominate Eddie Burch for Board Chair: Patty Baucom
2nd: Jeff Bullock
Vote: unanimous
- Motion to nominate John Mansure for Board Vice-Chair: Pauline Sternick
2nd: Eddie Burch
Vote: unanimous
- Motion to nominate Pauline Sternick for Board Secretary: Eddie Burch
2nd: Tony Kouskolekas
Vote: unanimous
- Motion to nominate Donna Smith for Board Treasurer: Patty Baucom
2nd: Keith King
Vote: unanimous

Committee Assignments tabled until next month. Committee descriptions were already emailed to new board members for consideration. Eddie Burch recommended that Vernon Rutland remain on the Facilities Committee with unanimous consent from board.

Conflict of Interest Form Annual Signatures were obtained from those present.

Action Item: John Mansure and Ryan Summey need to turn in COI forms.

6. Executive Session - none
7. Board Professional Development – Nov. 15-17, 2016 PCSASC Annual Conference, Columbia
Action Item: Board members able to attend conference should contact Pauline asap for early bird registration.
8. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn: Tony Kouskolekas

Next Board Meeting: August 29, 2016 (Note change in date due to GMCCHS Open House)

Minutes as submitted July 27, 2016 pds

Approved August 29, 2016 pds

Principal Report

- GMC closed the financing process for the new building on June 30. The lending institution is
- Portable B10 was moved to the back row of our portables. Power, internet, and fire cables will be installed prior to August 8.
- Our data collection survey for our state report card was completed and sent to GCSD on July 7.
- Members of our TAP leadership team attended the SCTAP conference in Greenville on July 11-
- From our contractor: the timber clearing began on July 11. Tree stump removal began on July 22. Concrete pipe castings were delivered on July 25. Fencing will be delivered on July 27.
- Some of our students and teachers toured Europe for two weeks in July.
- GMC should be finished with the transition of our checking accounts by the end of July.
- Through summer school, we had 2 seniors to complete their course work. They will be graduates
- Class of '16 graduates Alyx Farkas and Kennedy Wheeler placed in their respective pageants. Miss Farkas placed in the top 15 in the Miss SC/Miss America and Miss Wheeler placed as 2nd runner up in USA National Miss Teen.

July 2016 Development Report

- We have 449 students enrolled at GMC.

9th -116	Waitlist
10 th -116	9th -31
11 th -117	10 th -52
12-100	11 th -82
	12 th -12
- PIP met on July 20th for its first meeting of the year. Items addressed were new lunch program, upcoming back to school events, and finalizing yearend gift.

Financial Report

June highlights:

- Cash Balance: \$1.77M
- Monthly Ordinary Income exceeds expenses by \$23,271 (+\$277,314 transition funds).
- Year to date Ordinary Income exceeds expenses by \$585,125. (+\$277,314 transition funds).
- Construction costs for the month were \$23,271 and YTD \$464,806.

Revenue

- The final TAPS claim was filed and recorded to June revenue for approx. \$37k. Additional Transition Funds in the amount of \$277,314 awarded are not included in this report, however, the effect of these funds is significant. This was funded on 7/19 and will appear on July Budget Report.