



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Minutes
Monday, November 14, 2016

Board Members Present: Patty Baucom, Jeff Bullock, Eddie Burch, Brian Dentler, Keith King, Tony Kouskolekas, John Mansure, John Short, Donna Smith, Ryan Summey (left early)
Absent: Pauline Sternick

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Eddie Burch 5:35pm
2. Public Comments - None
3. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion to approve agenda: John Mansure
 - 2nd: Ryan Summey
 - Vote: Unanimous
4. Approval of October 24, 2016 Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes of October 24, 2016: Donna Smith
 - 2nd: Tony Kouskolekas
 - Vote: Unanimous
5. Administrative and Committee Reports
 - a. Principal Report and Blazer Minute (Jimmy Armstrong) – see attached.
Presentation by SC Circuit Judge Mark Hayes to Freshman Olivia Kissinger for Wall Day Essay Contest. She was the overall winner for the 9th grade entries in South Carolina Bar Associations annual Law Day Essay Contest - “Miranda, Principal Over Passion.” She received recognition from State Bar Association plus \$500 check.
GMC is now a 2A school and competes against schools with 700 plus students. Winter sports are rolling.
Report from Buddy Coleman : Major accomplishment 100% graduation rate was achieved. See attached documents.
 - b. Development Report (Heather Timanus) – see attached.
Lottery was held earlier today. 94 more applications than last year.
 - c. Chairman Report (Eddie Burch) – see attached.
 - d. Facilities Report (Vernon Rutland) – see attached.
 - Review of 3 Interior Color Scheme Mock Ups – There was no review only 1 color scheme presented that had been picked by a committee of: Jimmy Armstrong, Mrs. Bishop (teacher), Mrs. Lewis (teacher), Mrs. Anderson (parent), David Langley, one of his associates, and Matthew Praytor. Board accepted the recommendation of the committee concerning the flooring, paint, etc.

- Motion brought from committee to authorize Facilities Committee to use part of the funds raised during the Trailer Park Trot to add outdoor lighting and receptacles around the Outdoor Commons area at the back of the building not to exceed \$10,000.

Motion amended to authorize Facilities Committee to use part of the funds from The Trailer Park Trot to add outdoor lighting and receptacles around the Outdoor Commons area at the back of the building and to use funds from the Raise the Blaze Initiative to change lighting in the classrooms by adding motion sensors. Estimations are about \$15,000.

Amended Motion: Eddie Burch

2nd: John Mansure

Vote: unanimous

e. Financial Report (Donna Smith)

- October Financials
- Year End Gift Campaign Policy – The document submitted isn't a policy but a copy of the letter that will be sent out in December. Donna said she didn't think it needed to be voted on.

f. Policy/Governance Report

Reminder for full Board of Comparison Analysis meeting for Friday, November 18 at 3pm in the GMC conference room.

6. Board Event – Nov. 28 Upstate Legislative Dinner, 6:00-8:00 PM at Pelham Medical Center

7. Adjournment Time: 6:40pm

Motion to adjourn: John Mansure

2nd: Tony Kouskolekas

Vote: Unanimous

Next Board Meeting: January 23, 2017

Principal Report

- GMC completed requisition #4 to Triangle Construction.
- Our GMC School Raising Ceremony took place on October 25.
- Met with GMC's student ambassador group along with freshmen student government officers on October 31 to begin planning of outdoor area.
- We met with our sister GTC charter schools to plan for our November legislative meeting on November 1.
- We had our third parent breakfast on November 2.
- Fall Sports teams were very competitive.
Swim team--Katy Rose Snover is the 50m freestyle state champion.

Cross Country--Girls finished as state runner up. Morgan Summey is the individual state champion.

Girls' Golf--Competed in state finals.

Volleyball--Made it to the 2nd round of the state playoffs before losing to North Central.

November 2016 Development Report

- We have 441 students enrolled at GMC.
 - 9th -114
 - 10th-116
 - 11th-110
 - 12th -101
- Waitlist
 - Applications received for lottery: 264
 - 9th -3
 - 10th-1
 - 11th-37
 - 12th-13
- We have 264 application for 115 spots for the 2017-2018 school year. 53 are siblings. This is 94 more applications than we received last year. The lottery will take place on Monday, November 14th at 3:30pm in the café.
- The Steering committee had its third meeting on Monday, October 31. The committee has secured over 90K in pledges. We are almost at 100% employee participation and expect 100% board participation.
- The school raising ceremony was well attended by community leaders, parents, and legislators. The Greer Chamber public endorsed the campaign and GMC was featured on the front page of the Greer Citizen.
- Spirit week was a huge success and raised over \$42,000 will all proceeds going toward the outdoor learning courtyard at GMC. Combined with the Trailer Park Trot the goal was to exceed \$30,000.
- Spirit week had over \$13,000 in sponsor's dollars which exceeded last year's total of \$10,000 in sponsors for Fall 4 GMC.
- Based on the recommendations of the Winkler Group, it has been recommended that GMC start an annual fund. A letter to parents would go out at the beginning of December to encourage yearend donations. (See attached rough draft for example.)

Distinguishing the Annual Fund from Raise the Blaze

This year holds a unique opportunity for the families of GMC to show their support. Actually two different opportunities.

Annual Fund

As you may be aware, the funding structure for a charter school is different that public schools. The per pupil funding received is \$800 less than a public high school receives. Over the last seven years, GMC has been able to

stretch the dollars to serve our students to stellar results- once again earning the top composite score on the ACT in Greenville County. The annual gifts make up the difference between what the tax dollars cover and the actual cost of running the school. This year as we launch the annual fund, we hope each family will choose to participate in some capacity.

Raise the Blaze Initiative

Each time you drive onto campus, you see the progress being made towards the future home for our great school. This \$7,000,000 investment into the educational experience of your child will mean that we have facilities that match the high caliber education your child receives. In the near future, you will be given an opportunity to lend a hand towards the completion of the facilities. While grants and bonds will cover the majority of the cost, \$6.6MM, we are asking our GMC family to finish the project with the Raise the Blaze Initiative to raise \$400,000. Your support will equip the science labs, complete the Senior Project Studio, and put the finishing touches in the classrooms and Outdoor Learning Courtyard.

While it may seem like a lot to launch at one time, we believe our families love GMC and are willing to elevate the experience for their child by investing in GMC.

The Annual Fund provides the resources by which we live, the capital campaign provides the resources by which we grow.

Annual Fund pays the mortgage while you the Capital Campaign funds the renovations.

Places to communicate:

Website

Social Media

Letter/E-mail to all families

Presentation at Parent Nights – Power Point