



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Minutes February 24, 2020

Members Present: Donna Smith, John Short, John Mansure, Pauline Nichol, Tony Kouskolekas, Rita Danner, Hannah Mahaffey, Jamie Harvey, Kimberly Hall, Nikki Huber, Darin Scheidly

Members Absent: None

1. John Short called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
2. Pauline Nichol read the school mission statement
3. Tony Kouskolekas moved to approve the agenda. John Mansure seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. The board reviewed and approved the Meeting Minutes from the January 27th board meeting. Two modifications were requested: Rita Danner should be indicated as the chairperson of the Academic Excellence committee who delivered the committee report and Nikki Huber nee Nikki Crabtree should be consistently referenced using her married name. Tony Kouskolekas moved to approve the minutes as amended. John Mansure seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Kevin Weaver, a parent, addressed the board. Mr. Weaver raised a concern regarding the music content at school-sanctioned dances. Mr. Weaver requested information regarding when and where his concerns would be addressed. John Short stated that the matter would be referred to committee to be addressed by the board.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Development Committee - Heather Timanus was not present but Mr. James Dillard delivered the report:
 - i. Mr. Dillard introduced the Meilingers, who through Mr. Meilinger's consulting firm, Meilinger CPA Consulting, sponsored the GMC Board conference room.
 - b. Executive Director Report – James Dillard presented the report:
 - i. The boys' basketball team qualified for and won its first basketball playoff game.
 - ii. The South Carolina High School League has pending legislation that may impact GMC and all other charter school regarding student eligibility. The administration is monitoring the legislation and will keep the board posted.
 - iii. GMC negotiated for a mental health counselor to be on campus one day a week throughout the day. Parents would be able to contract with the mental health provider to provide counseling services on-site.
 - iv. The SRO grant funding had been received from the state district.
 - v. The school has scheduled the Student Engagement Survey developed by the state district to be taken by all students in the upcoming month.
 - vi. Mr. Dillard presented the school's E-Learning plan for providing student instruction on days that the school is closed due to inclement weather.
 1. The plan was presented to the board for initial reading.
 2. Darin Scheidly asked how students and parents would be informed regarding the lesson plan and how the work would be assessed. Mr. Dillard explained that students would have a period of time after the E-Learning Day to complete the assigned work .

3. Tony Kouskolekas moved to accept the initial reading of the E-Learning plan. John Short seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The plan was referred to the Policy and Governance Committee for review prior to final reading.
- c. Executive Committee – Donna Smith stated there was no report.
 - d. Finance Committee - John Mansure presented the report:
 - i. The school had a cash balance of \$5.8 million. This balance’s reduction was due to a large draw by Roebuck at the end of last month.
 - ii. Regarding the school’s current P&L status, the school’s income was above budget. The total income for the year is about \$300,000 favorable.
 - iii. School expenses were unfavorable year-to-date by a small amount. However, the school has 481 days of cash-on-hand in the bank.
 - e. Facilities Committee – John Short presented the report:
 - i. The excessive rain had slowed down the Student Activity Center construction.
 - ii. The masonry was almost finished. The building interior was progressing forward as well.
 - iii. All Change orders to-date were still within budget.
 - iv. The delivery schedule will probably be pushed out to sometime into May.
 - f. Policy & Governance Committee – Darin Scheidly presented the report:
 - i. The committee had begun investigating the school’s eLearning Plan for Inclement Weather and utilizing it in a productive manner.
 - ii. Mr. Scheidly stated that the hardest issue with the plan was the burden that generally falls on the teachers to keep e-Lessons up-to-date for students to access.
 - iii. The athletics proviso pending in the high school league would be addressed in the next committee meeting.
 - g. Academic Excellence Committee – Rita Danner presented the report:
 - i. Pauline Nichol provided a summary of the results of the board’s parent/teacher/student survey conducted at the end of second quarter:
 1. The committee met on February 10th regarding the board surveys.
 2. The committee decided to prepare an overview of the survey comments due to the number of comments. The committee highlighted the issues regarding the major concerns raised.
 3. Donna Smith wanted to schedule an Executive Committee meeting to review the survey results and comments to make recommendations to the board as a whole.
 4. Darin Scheidly asked about whether a plan-of-action can be developed for issues raised concerning dress code, etc. John Short noted that GMC already has the most flexible dress code of the sister charter schools. Darin Scheidly stated that written standards are very helpful to parents and administration for consistency purposes.
 5. Pauline Nichol noted that having certain privileges for the seniors may be appropriate based upon comments made by the students.
 6. Tony Kouskolekas recommended that the board should give some closure to the comments and recommendations provided to the board and that the general information from the survey should be disseminated to the teachers, parents, and students.
 - h. Personnel Committee - Tony Kouskolekas presented the report:
 - i. A student disciplinary matter was appealed to the board.
 - ii. The Personnel Committee held an appellate hearing to review the administration’s discipline recommendation.
 - iii. The Hearing Committee upheld the administration’s recommendation.

7. New Matters

- a. Kim Hall asked when the results of the board survey would be available for general dissemination. Pauline Nichol stated that the Academic Excellence Committee would prepare a would develop a distribution plan for the survey to be shared with the Executive Committee and the full board.
8. Darin Scheidly moved to adjourn the meeting. Tony Kouskolekas seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.
9. Next meeting is May 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.