



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Minutes February 28, 2022

Members Present: John Short , John Mansure, Pauline Nichol, Jennifer Jones, Elliott Figueroa, Matt Williams, Jason Ross, Lori Larsen

Administration Present: Jimmy Armstrong, James Dillard, David Gantt

Members Absent: Donna Smith, Darin Scheidly, Tony Kouskolekas

1. The meeting was called to order by John Short, Chair at 5:30 pm.
2. There were no public speakers who desired to address the board.
3. James Dillard recognized our monthly Blazer Brag Recipients:
 - a. Paula was recognized as Employee of the Month
 - b. Kate Benetatos was nominated by Kaci Elliott and Megan Schonhar
 - c. David Frolov was nominated by Ryan Stone
 - d. Regan Smith was nominated by Brendan LaPoe
 - e. Lucy Isaacs was nominated by Brendan LaPoe
 - f. Bowen Dillard was nominated by Abby McAllister
 - g. Alex Fowler was nominated by Claire Long
 - h. Abigail Mills was nominated by Paula Rouse
 - i. Katie McClure was nominated by Kaci Elliott
4. Reading of the GMC Mission Statement: Pauline Nichol.
5. The board reviewed the proposed agenda for the meeting. John Mansure made a motion to approve the agenda. Jason Ross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the January 24, 2022, regular board meeting. Pauline Nichol a motion to approve the minutes. Lori Larsen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Administrative and Committee Reports:
 - a) Administration Report – Jimmy Armstrong presented the report:
 - i. On February 10th, the State District Board of Directors approved GMC’s charter renewal. The school’s charter is renewed for the next 10 years. The district board expressed their “happiness” with the performance of the school at the renewal.
 - ii. The school sponsored several faculty activities in February to boost faculty morale. The employees had a Souper Bowl Friday contest for home-made soups for all employees. The administration distributed Hugs, Kisses Cocoa and Cookies to all employees during Valentine Day Week. We celebrated Taco Twodays on February 22nd with a taco luncheon.
 - iii. We have two custodians who have been out due to long-term illnesses. We have contracted with a local janitorial for cleaning services on a monthly basis to cover while the employees are out.
 - iv. Mr. Gantt and Mr. Roman have been tagging and inventorying all items purchased with federal money. The federal government is requiring us to track any item with a purchase price in excess of \$100.

- v. Spirit Week raised over \$32,000, the majority of which will be used to purchase a mobile stage and lighting system. The stage will allow us to enhance our programs and to do community outreach.
 - vi. The basketball teams have completed their seasons with the boys qualifying for the playoffs.
 - vii. Leadership Greer is visiting the school on March 1st, and the SCPCSD Leadership Team will be here March 2nd. The Orangeburg High School for Health Professions Charter School is coming for a school tour on March 3rd.
 - viii. Freshmen enrollment for next year is set at 125 if state funding stays the same. The Freshmen Intake Meeting is March 12th. The staff and faculty will be here to facilitate the enrollment process. We are also working on re-enrollment of our current students for next year.
 - ix. Ms. Timanus has been communicating with some local foundations to see if we can secure some larger donations, particularly from the Wal-Marts in the area. We are also applying with the Greer Education Foundation for some specific funding needs. Lunch operations are going well. PIP also recognized the faculty and staff during February.
- b) Executive Committee Report- No report was presented at this time.
 - c) Finance Committee- John Mansure presented the report:
 - i. Mr. Mansure gave a synopsis of the school's end-of-month financial condition as of January 2022:
 - i. Current cash balance is \$2.8 million. Current school equity is \$15.6 million. Current long-term debt is \$10.4 million.
 - ii. Current monthly expenses were \$470,000. Currently monthly revenue was \$800,000 versus a budget of \$600,000. Net income was \$330,000 which was 89% favorable compared to budget.
 - iii. The current cash-on-hand for school operations is 240 days.
 - ii. The school had an excellent financial month because it received several reimbursements from federal grants, which increased both revenues and net income.
 - d) Facilities Committee- No report was presented.
 - e) Policy & Governance Committee- No report was presented.
 - f) Academic Excellence Committee – No report was presented.
8. New Business
- a. Jennifer Jones asked about committee assignments for board members. John Short responded that he would confirm the assignments with Donna Smith.
 - b. Matt Williams asked about the significant increase in net income for the school. John Mansure stated that it was a combination of the excess student enrollment compared to the budgeted student enrollment and the receipt of federal funding. Jimmy Armstrong also stated that our monthly expenses are lower than the budgeted amount because of the re-structuring of the school bonds in the fall.
 - c. Jason Ross informed the board about mental health educational services being offered for local schools by the Phoenix Center. The center now has a mobile education center that addresses addiction.
 - d. Elliot Figueroa asked whether there was an update from Greenville Technical College about the land request for the athletic fields. John Short stated that GTC had not responded to the request.
9. Jason Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.
10. Next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **April 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm.**

Addendums



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Principal Report 2-28-2022

- On Feb. 4, we had JDew visit GMC to perform his One Voice Show.
- On Feb. 7, GMC had senior night for our basketball programs.
- The SCPCSD Board met on Feb. 10 and approved our charter for another 10 years of service to our families in our communities.
- On Feb. 11, we had a “Souper Bowl” feast for faculty and staff.
- The week of Feb. 7-11 was school counseling week and we are grateful for Mrs. Derrick and Ms. Looper.
- On Feb. 14 and as part of Valentine’s Day, GMC admin. provided Hugs, Kisses, Cocoa, and Cookies to our faculty and staff.
- On Feb. 22 and in celebration of 2-22-22, we had Taco “Twosday” for our faculty and staff.
- Due to some in-house cleaning staff illnesses, we have hired a cleaning company to help over the next few months.
- Mr. Gantt and Mr. Roman are continuing their inventory of CTE equipment at GMC.
- Our Academic Leadership Team continues professional development focusing on teaching strategies to engage students.
- On Feb. 24, Mrs. McCraw was part of a SCPCSD Special Education Coordinator Meeting.
- On Feb. 25, Our Blazer Tribe Club visited Moonshine Mountain Snow Tubing Park. They had a great time.
- GMC Spirit Week raised over \$32,000 and most will go to benefit the installation of a stage over the summer break.
- Our basketball teams completed their regular seasons with the boys making the state playoffs and losing in the first round.