



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Minutes April 25, 2022

Members Present: Donna Smith, John Short, John Mansure, Pauline Nichol, Tony Kouskolekas, Elliott Figueroa, Jason Ross, Darin Scheidly, Lori Larsen

Administration Present: Jimmy Armstrong, James Dillard, David Gantt, Cathy Derrick

Members Absent: Jennifer Jones, Matt Williams

1. The meeting was called to order by Donna Smith, 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. Carly Aldrich nominated by Mr. Lowman
 - b. Wesley Bridges nominated by Ms. Long and Ms. Rouse
 - c. Kaleigh Keener nominated by Mr. Lowman
 - d. Tristan Anty nominated by Ms. Schonhar
 - e. Matthew Williams nominated by Ms. Rouse
 - f. Case Anderson nominated by Ms. Rouse
 - g. Emily Powers nominated by Mr. Lowman
 - h. Justin Lowman was recognized as Employee of the Month
4. Reading of the GMC Mission Statement: Pauline Nichol.
5. The board reviewed the proposed agenda for the meeting. Pauline Nichol made a motion to approve the agenda. Elliot Figueroa seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the March 28, 2022, regular board meeting. Pauline Nichol made a motion to approve the minutes. John Short seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Administrative and Committee Reports:
 - a) Administration Report – Jimmy Armstrong presented the report:
 - i. The Administration team met with the Greenville Technical College Administration team on April 5th to plan for the new academic year. The discussion was very productive, and there were some new things on the table.
 - ii. Lt. Governor Pamela Evette visited the school on April 11th.
 - iii. The school completed WorkKeys testing of the junior class on April 12th.
 - iv. Senior Capstone Project Presentations were done throughout the school on April 13th.
 - v. The school had a four day mini-break around the Easter weekend.
 - vi. Spring Sports seniors were recognized on April 18th and 19th.
 - vii. Current school enrollment is 495 students. Ms. Timanus has been contacting parents of students on our waitlist to clean up the waitlist for the beginning of the upcoming academic year. Any student who applies to school that is placed on the waitlist remains on the list for four years.
 - viii. Senior Capstone Project judging is scheduled for May 19th. Seniors will complete the academic year on the 20th.

- ix. Two of our teachers received grants from the Greater Greer Education Foundation. This is the first time that the school has received grants from the foundation.
- x. PIP is sponsoring Teacher Appreciation Week next week for the school's faculty.
- b) Executive Committee Report- Donna Smith presented the report
 - i. The four board members up for re-election have applied for upcoming board election. No other candidates filed to run.
 - ii. The election will be held in accordance with the announced schedule, and result will be reported immediately after the conclusion of the election.
- 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 March 2022:
 - i. Current on-hand cash balance is \$3.2 million. Current school equity is \$15.8 million. Current long-term debt is \$10.4 million. The school's net equity is \$5.4 million.
 - ii. The monthly net revenue was \$109 thousand compared to a budgeted revenue of \$71 thousand.
 - iii. Currently, the school has 215 days of operating cash on-hand, which is an increase of twenty days from last month.
 - ii. John Mansure moved to accept his report. The report was accepted unanimously.
- d) Facilities Committee- John Short presented the report
 - i. A network switch died during the month, but the IT Department was able to cover the failure and restore full operation of the network. The school's network equipment is scheduled to be upgraded this summer.
 - ii. The school's lift station pumps were clogged, but Operations had the pumps serviced, and the station is back to full operation.
 - iii. The school is obtaining a quote for a portable stage for the gym. The stage will be designed to be easily deployed for events and performances.
- e) Policy & Governance Committee- Darin Scheidly presented the report:
 - i. The Committee expected more candidates to apply for the board. However, both students and parents seem to be pleased with the direction and management of the school.
 - ii. Election voting opens on April 28th and closes on April 29th. The results will be published on the school's website.
 - iii. Election results will be ratified by the board at the May 23rd board meeting.
 - iv. The elections will be processed using the board's SurveyMonkey account. Mr. Scheidly suggested that reminders be sent to parents who had not voted on the 28th.
- f) Academic Excellence Committee – Pauline Nichol presented the report
 - i. The board surveys to parents and employees had been activated and would remain open until midnight tonight. To date, there has been a very good response from students and employees. The survey results should be presented at the next board meeting.
 - ii. Ms. Nichol stated that she had received an inquiry from a parent regarding why the school holds its Active Shooter Drills after class changes and not during the change. Elliot Figueroa added that the inquiry was a part of last year's parent surveys. Jason Ross discussed North Greenville University's handling of Active Shooter drills including the installation of metal bars on all classroom doors to secure the doors into the floor. Mr. Dillard stated that the school hold two Active Shooter drills per year, and the teachers are supposed to provide drill instructions to the students during the drill that trains them on how to react if an Active Shooter situation occurs.

8. New Business

- a. Donna Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Ms. Smith requested that Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Gantt remain with the board during the Executive Session. Executive session began at 6:00 p.m.
 - b. The board concluded Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.
 - c. John Mansure made a motion to authorize Jimmy Armstrong to act as the board's representative regarding any offers of settlement presented to the school in the South Carolina High School League litigation matter scheduled for trial in May. John Short seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Donna Smith thanked the board members and the administration for their hard work on behalf of the school.
9. Elliot Figueroa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Kouskolekos seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.
 10. Next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **May 23, 2022 at 5:00 pm.**

Addendums



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Principal Report 4-25-2022

- Student Led Conferences occurred on March 31 and April 1.
- Student Government facilitated a can good and animal product drive to benefit Greer Community Ministries.
- GMC admin. met with GTC admin. to plan for next calendar year on April 5.
- WorkKeys was administered to juniors on April 8.
- The SC Lt. Governor visited GMC on April 11.
- Senior Capstone Showcase took place on April 13.
- GMC did not have students on April 14,15, and 18. Students returned on April 19.
- Senior Night for baseball and golf took place on April 15.
- Senior Night for soccer and track happened on April 19.
- GMC Board nominations closed on April 19.
- GMC band and chorus visited Ashlyn Village Assisted Living Center on April 20.
- Board Surveys were distributed to students, parents, and faculty on April 22 and will close April 25.
- GMC Athletics sponsored a vendor event in the activity center on April 23.
- The third bus will be wrapped this week (April 25-29).
- We had an issue with one of our switches that helps us navigate internet, phones, and printers. Most lines were transferred to another switch. A large information technology solution will occur during the summer.
- We had an issue with our pump station. GMC is responsible for the pump station. That should be corrected by Friday, April 29.
- Spring athletic seasons are coming to a close over the next few weeks.



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Academic Excellence Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 12, 2022

Board Members Present: Pauline Nichol, Jennifer Jones, Lori Larsen, Elliot Figueroa

- 1- Call to Order by Pauline Nichol, Secretary 810 am.
- 2- Purpose of this meeting was to review the Board survey that was distributed to faculty & staff, parents and students in 2020-2021 via Survey Monkey.
- 3- Modification's to last year's survey were discussed and edited.
- 4- Principal Armstrong was called into the meeting at 930 am to review the survey and no changes were suggested. Principal Armstrong will include in this week and next week's announcements information regarding the date of this upcoming survey.
- 5- David Gantt was called into the meeting at 935 am and we discussed our timeline for email link distribution.
- 6- Heather Timanus was notified of the survey timeline and she will include this notification in this week and next week's Blazer news.
- 7- The survey will be taken by the faculty and staff and students during Blazer block on April 22nd. Parents will receive an email link on April 22nd and have until April 25th at midnight to complete the survey. A link will be attached to this survey for each parent to enter a drawing for one of four Visa gift cards.
- 8- The Academic Committee will meet after the April 25th monthly board meeting (TBD) to discuss the results of the survey and a full report will be given to Principal Armstrong at the May monthly board meeting.
- 9- The Academic committee would like to discuss at the April 22nd board meeting the scheduling of an active shooter drill during class change with Principal Armstrong.
- 10- Meeting was adjourned at 955 am.