



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Minutes May 23, 2022

Members Present: Donna Smith, John Short, Pauline Nichol, Tony Kouskolekas, Elliott Figueroa, Jennifer Jones, Matt Williams, Darin Scheidly, Lori Larsen

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

Members Absent: John Mansure, Jason Ross

1. The meeting was called to order by Donna Smith, Chair at 5:03 pm.
2. There were no public speakers who desired to address the board.
3. Reading of the GMC Mission Statement: Pauline Nichol.
4. 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.
5. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the April 25, 2022, regular board meeting. Jennifer Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Matt Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Administrative and Committee Reports:
 - a) Administration Report – Jimmy Armstrong presented the report:
 - i. During the month of May, the school celebrated Administrative Professionals Day. The Administration and PIP sponsored Teacher Appreciation Week and National Nurses Day.
 - ii. The HVAC unit has died in the Art Room. The school received three bids to replace the unit, and the unit will be replaced by the end of the month.
 - iii. The boys Track and Field team won State Track championship, and the girls were state runner-up.
 - iv. Regarding Development and Enrollment, Senior Project and Internship Presentation Night was last Thursday. We had over ninety judges attend and grade the presentations. STI was our sponsor for the Senior Project night.
 - v. PIP has also been provided for the Senior Class Breakfast and other graduation activities.
 - vi. Jennifer Jones asked the number of students withdrawing from the school at the end of the year. Mr. Armstrong said that there are eight students not returning next year.
 - vii. 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 some new things with the college on the table.
 - b) Executive Committee Report- Donna Smith presented the report:
 - i. The results of annual board elections were:
Elliott Figueroa - 157
Pauline Nichol - 151
Jennifer Jones - 142
John Short – 119

These board members will serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2022.
 - c) Finance Committee- Elliott Figueroa presented the report:

- i. Mr. Figueroa gave a synopsis of the school's end-of-month financial condition as of April 2022:
 - i. Current on-hand cash balance is \$3 million. Current school equity is \$15.71 million. Current long-term debt is \$10.4 million. The school's net equity is \$5.4 million.
 - ii. The monthly revenue was \$638 thousand with expenses of \$517 thousand. Net monthly income was \$121 thousand compared to a budgeted revenue of \$71 thousand.
- ii. Elliott Figueroa moved to accept his report. The report was accepted unanimously.
- iii. Elliott Figueroa and Jimmy Armstrong presented the proposed budget for the fiscal year 22-23. This is the first reading of the budget.
 - i. The base-funding formula is being changed by the General Assembly. The budget is based on the Senate version of funding the budget.
 - ii. The federal relief funding is not included in the budget because it is federal one-time grants.
 - iii. Salaries are budgeted to increase by 3%. State insurance premiums are increasing by 18%. Retirement costs is increasing by 24%, which is scheduled to start January 2023. We also have three independent contractors that we have retained for specific purposes.
 - iv. The school's GTC tuition fees should drop next year.
 - v. The budget includes replacing College Seminar's furniture, upgrading the computer network and purchasing other computer equipment.
 - vi. Debt service has been reduced for next year. Two percent of our school revenue goes to the state district.
 - vii. Total fiscal expenditures \$5.2 million. Total revenue is estimated at \$5.4 million. There is an additional federal funding of about \$560K. Net budgeted revenue is \$260k.
- iv. Elliott Figueroa moved to approve the first reading of the budget. Motion passed unanimously
- d) Facilities Committee- John Short presented the report
 - i. The school has received bids to fence in the remainder of the school campus to secure the campus. Of the three bids, the lowest bidder is the company that has previously performed fencing for the school, and the bidder has performed well in the past.
 - ii. John Short moved to approve the installation of the fence and to fund the project from the current fiscal year's budget. The motion passed unanimously.
- e) Policy & Governance Committee- No report was presented.
- f) Academic Excellence Committee – Pauline Nichol presented the report
 - i. The committee reviewed the parent and employee survey results. The committee presented the results of the survey.
 - ii. Regarding the parent surveys, some parents wanted more opportunities during non-working hours to allow them more volunteer opportunities. The parents wanted life skill opportunities like home economics or shop. Elliot Figueroa stated that communications issues were mostly related to specific classes. There were several questions regarding guidance counselors' responses time to parent inquiry. John Short stated that many times that students failed to provide timely information to counselors which may have created urgency.
 - iii. Regarding the faculty survey, some faculty wanted more encouragement. Several wanted additional input on important school decisions. Several requested more area-specific professional development. Some requested more reliable printers and Internet service. Some possible funding for the Blazer Tribe and extracurricular activities.
 - iv. Regarding the student surveys, they wanted some additional social interaction and life skill classes. Students wanted colleges to come and make presentations.

7. New Business

- a. Donna Smith thanked the board members for their service for the year.
8. John Short made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Kouskolekos seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.
9. Next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **June 27, 2022 at 5:30 pm.**

Addendums



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Principal Report 5-23-2022

- On April 26th, The Be Pro Be Proud truck came to GMC. Through controlled simulations, the truck and personnel promote current potential jobs in our state.
- On April 27th, we celebrated administrative professional's day.
- On April 29th, we held our GMC Prom 2022 at the Greer Depot.
- We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week April 27th-May 6th. Special thanks to PIP. GMC admin. provided a Low Country Boil to Faculty and Staff on May 4th.
- Our faculty and school counselors offered students taking end of course exams a daily activity leading up to EOC's.
- On May 2, Class of 2023 GMC Ring Ceremony was held in the Activity Center.
- On May 4, a public speaking professor at GTC helped our Capstone Project students in preparation for presentation night.
- Spanish 2 and Spanish 3 students, under the facilitation of Mr. Rainey and Ms. Gonzalez, took students to Mr. Salsa for an immersion in culture and language.
- In early May, Ms. Schonhar's English I and Ms. Elliott's students completed their mini projects.
- In early May, Ms. McCraw and Ms. Bailey completed their requirements as part of Greer Class 42 with Leadership Greer.
- On May 9th, GMC held our Awards Night Program in the Activity Center. Ms. Rouse was recognized as Faculty of the Year and Ms. Clark was recognized as Employee of the Year.
- On May 11th, we celebrated National Nurses Day.
- On May 13th, we celebrated with our Blazer Brag students with a Waffle House Breakfast.
- On May 13th our Blazer Tribe visited Peach Bowling for the last monthly trip of the school year.
- On May 19th, we had Yearbook Day at GMC.
- On May 19th, GMC Capstone Project Presentation Night presented by STI, Inc. was held.
- HVAC unit in the art room has stopped working. That unit should be replaced by the end of the week.
- All spring sports are completed. Our girls' track team finished as state runner up. Our boys' track team won the state championship.



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Academic Excellence Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 3, 2022

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

- 1- Call to order by Pauline Nichol at 9:30 pm.
- 2- The purpose of today's meeting is to discuss the results of the Spring, 2022 Board distributed bi-annual survey to shareholders.
- 3- Breakout groups were established to discuss survey results distributed to parents, students, faculty & staff.
- 4- A summary of our analysis and major areas to address based on the review of the surveys and comments will be discussed and distributed at our next board meeting on May 23, 2022.
- 5- In addition, all 3 administrators will be given a confidential copy of all the survey results and comments for review.
- 6- Academic Committee would like to discuss the implementation of some action items with the administration as outlined below.
- 7- The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

RESULTS:

GMCC PARENT SURVEY

Q1 How well do administrators at GMCC create a school environment that helps children learn?

Overall, the administration did very well. All three have an 80+ % of Quite well/Extremely well categories.

Q2 How well do support staff at GMCC create a school environment that helps children learn?

Furr – 91%, Derrick – 90%, Louper – 87%, Whatley – 85% were Quite Well/Extremely well.

Q3 If a student is bullied or facing other personal issues at GMCC, how easy is it for him/her to get help from an administrator or a counselor?

90% of parents felt that is somewhat/quite/extremely easy to get help

Q4 Overall, how much respect do you think the students have for GMCC's school leadership?

Overall respect for administration is 90% (some/quite/tremendous respect)

Q5 Overall how much respect do you think the school leaders have for the students?

Parents felt the admin does OK at 92% with rating them either some/quite/tremendous respect. The only point is that 27% of parents felt the admin showed "tremendous respect", 47% stated "quite a bit of respect", and 18% stated "some respect".

Q6 Many factors play a role in students' success at school. Please indicate who you think is responsible for each of the success factors below.

Parents felt responsibility falls appropriately depending on the role and the function.

Greer Middle College
 Budget
 FY23

	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>Change</u>
Local Revenue	\$ 65,000	\$ 98,500	\$ 13,500
State Revenue	5,057,999	5,385,889	287,890
Federal Funds (FY22 only)	585,000	-	(585,000)
	<u>\$ 5,777,999</u>	<u>\$ 5,484,389</u>	<u>\$ (293,610)</u>
Salaries	\$ 2,310,068	\$ 2,268,349	\$ (51,619)
Benefits	933,787	1,070,865	137,078
Purchased Services	881,264	813,891	(67,393)
Supplies	269,500	175,388	(144,112)
Capital Outlay	30,000	78,000	48,000
Miscellaneous	6,000	9,500	3,500
Debt Payments	745,000	620,000	(125,000)
Fees to State District	100,000	100,000	-
Transfers (in) out	141,500	131,500	(10,000)
	<u>\$ 5,427,039</u>	<u>\$ 5,217,493</u>	<u>\$ (209,546)</u>
Net revenues in excess of expenditures	<u>\$ 350,960</u>	<u>\$ 266,896</u>	<u>\$ (84,064)</u>