



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

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Board of Directors Minutes September 23, 2019

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

Members Absent: Nikki Crabtree, Darin Scheidly

1. Donna Smith called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. There were no public speakers to address the board.
3. Luke Hall from the GMC Student Government made a presentation regarding Spirit Week 2019:
 - a. Mr. Hall provided the Board with a 2019 Spirit Week Sponsorship package.
 - b. The beneficiary of Spirit Week is the Project Hope Foundation and Activity Center. The first \$15,000.00 raised is dedicated to Project Hope. The goal for the week is \$45,000.00
 - c. Top Golf is a sponsor for the Spirit Week and the Blazer Barbecue. Main fundraiser will be held at Top Golf on October 20th.
 - d. The calendar for Spirit Week will be updated as more events are finalized.
4. Donna Smith presented the school's Mission Statement
5. The board reviewed the meeting agenda. John Mansure moved to approve the agenda. John Short seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. The board reviewed and approved the Meeting Minutes from the August 25th Board meeting. Minutes were amended to correct the next board meeting date. Kim Hall moved to approve the minutes. Jamie Harvey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Development Committee - Heather Timanus presented the report:
 - i. The school's current enrollment is 484. Heather stated that is important for enrollment to stay at or above 480. Current student waitlist is 308 students.
 - ii. Open Enrollment period for 20-21 years is from October 1st through the 31st. Student Information Night is September 30th. School tours are scheduled every Thursday morning. The Selection Lottery is scheduled November 15th. Ms. Timanus is also working on promoting the school to several groups in Greer and Spartanburg area.
 - iii. Currently, \$71,000.00 in pledges for the Activity Center have been received not including funds to be raised by the Blazer Barbecue. Ms. Timanus is applying for additional grants for the Activity Center at the beginning of January.
 - b. Executive Director Report - Fred Crawford presented the report:
 - i. Meeting with the Greenville County Sheriff Office on August 28th to finalize the contract for the School Resource Officer. The Memorandum of Understanding from the Sheriff's Office has been forwarded to the State District for funding.
 - ii. The Greenville County SWAT team is on campus training on the 23rd outside of the building. The school is also scheduling an Intruder Drill with the Sheriff's Office.

- iii. Mr. Crawford has scheduled furniture sample displays for potential classroom upgrades and additional technology for the classrooms and the Activity Center. Currently, a substantial amount of the school's furniture was donated or purchased second-hand. Mr. Crawford requested \$150,000 for furniture for the school. John Mansure moved to allocate \$150,000.00 from cash reserves for the school's furniture needs. Hannah Mahaffey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. Mr. Crawford has established a faculty liaison committee to facilitate communications between staff and faculty members. Committee members will rotate year-to-year. This committee is separate from the Leadership Team, which focuses on teacher improvement.
 - v. The Academic Accountability Report will be presented next month by Dr. Buddy Coleman.
 - vi. Mr. Gantt gave an update on the status of the telephone service installation, which was supposed to be completed by September 23rd. The Board instructed Mr. Gantt to obtain a permanent POTS line as an emergency backup.
 - vii. Pauline Nichol moved to fund the School Resource Officer position up to \$110,000 per year through the Greenville County Sheriff's Office regardless of whether the State District provides funding for the position through a state grant. Tony Kouskolekas seconded the motion. After discussion, motion passed unanimously.
- c. Executive Committee - Donna Smith stated there was no report.
 - d. Finance Committee - John Mansure presented the report:
 - i. The school currently has a \$7.6M cash-on-hand balance, with construction draws representing a significant portion. The school's current year-to-date income of \$400,000, which is a favorable 7% compared to budget. School expenses are up mainly due to increased utilities.
 - ii. Tony Kouskolekas raised the question regarding the large amount of cash-on-hand and a plan for managing it. Donna Smith referred the question to the Finance Committee to develop long-term strategy for cash and overall debt reduction.
 - e. Facilities Committee - John Short presented the report:
 - i. Activity Center construction is ongoing but had temporarily ceased due to equipment issues.
 - ii. The building completion date has been pushed to April 15th.
 - f. Policy & Governance Committee - No report was presented.
 - g. Academic Excellence Committee – Rita Hanner presented the report:
 - i. The committee discussed previous school surveys and the integrity of the survey results. The committee recommended that a new survey be performed by the 1st of November. Jamie Harvey had contacted SCPCSA regarding using the alliance as an outside resource for surveys, elections and board training.
 - ii. Board training was scheduled for October 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with lunch scheduled from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - iii. Kimberly raised the question about the online board orientation required by the State District. Mr. Crawford stated he would re-send the website link for the online orientation.
 - h. Personnel Committee - No report was presented.
8. John Short moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.
 9. Next meeting is October 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.