



**GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE**  
**CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**  
**HOME OF THE BLAZERS**

**Board of Directors Minutes**  
**October 27, 2021**

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

Members Virtual: Darin Scheidly

Administration Present: Jimmy Armstrong, James Dillard, David Gantt

Members Absent: John Mansure

1. The meeting was called to order by Donna Smith, Chair at 5:36 PM.
2. The board reviewed the proposed meeting agenda. Donna Smith moved to amend the agenda to allow the recognition of students to be at the beginning of the meeting. Pauline Nichol seconded the motion to amend and approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Dillard recognized the GMC Employee of the Month, Elvira ‘Bing’ Gallion, and the following Blazer Brag Students of the Month:
  - 9th - Samantha Moore, Noland Benjamin.
  - 10th - Kali Keener, Charlotte Baucom
  - 11th - Trinity Boykin, Jeffrey Matthews
  - 12th - Kate Bradford, Madeleine Mutzke
4. David Gantt administered the South Carolina Oath of Office to the board’s new members, Justin Ross and Lori Larsen. Donna Smith welcomed the new members to the board.
5. Reading of the GMC Mission Statement: Pauline Nichol
6. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the September 28, 2021, regular board meeting. Jennifer Jones made a motion to approve minutes. Matt Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
7. The board heard from a public speaker, Matt Panosian, concerning the curriculum reading choices and discussed the books listed on the school’s SSR reading list.
8. Administrative and Committee Reports:
  - a) Administration Report – Jimmy Armstrong presented the report:
    - i. The Admin team held follow-up conferences with new faculty members on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
    - ii. Members of the Admin team attended the Kids First Conference in Columbia on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Earle and Ms. Bailey gave a presentation on Digital Portfolios at the conference.
    - iii. On Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, the school held the 8th grade Parents Interest Meeting for potential incoming freshmen, which was well-attended. The Lottery Open Enrollment period ends on October 31st.
    - iv. Fall Sports Senior Nights were held during the last home volleyball game for most fall sports and on another evening for Girls Golf. Girls Volleyball made the first round of the state playoffs. Both Swim teams finished in top 10 in Division AA. The Boys 200m freestyle relay won the state title. Both the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams won the region championship and will compete in the state championships on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) Executive Committee Report- No report was presented at this time.

- c) Finance Committee- Elliot Figueroa presented the report:
  - i. Mr. Figueroa gave a synopsis of the school's end-of-month financial condition as of September 2021:
    - i. Current cash balance is \$2.68 million. Current school equity is \$15.5 million.
    - ii. School has approximately \$508 thousand in outstanding liabilities. Total long-term liabilities of \$10.4 million. Current net equity is \$4.5 million.
    - iii. Monthly revenue was \$558 thousand versus a budget amount of \$476 thousand.
    - iv. Month expenses were \$488 thousand versus \$416 thousand budgeted. Net monthly income was \$70 thousand, which was \$10 thousand above budget.
- d) Facilities Committee- No report was presented
- e) Policy & Governance Committee- Darin Scheidly presented the report:
  - i. Mr. Scheidly thanked Dr. Ross and Ms. Larsen for their willingness to serve on the board. The new board members' term will run until June 30, 2023.
  - ii. The school had 181 families participate in the board election. Mr. Scheidly thanked Heather Timanus and David Gantt for their assistance with the election process.
  - iii. Mr. Scheidly recommended that the board solicit feedback from the parents regarding the board election process.
- f) Academic Excellence Committee – Pauline Nichol presented the report:
  - i. Ms. Nichol noted that the committee will consider Mr. Scheidly's suggestion concerning the addition of a question regarding the annual board election process to the annual parent survey.
- g) Development Report – Jimmy Armstrong presented the report:
  - i. The Blazer BBQ fundraiser raised \$4,300 for Student Activities Center. Spring fundraiser will also work on funds for the center.
  - ii. The school has received 223 applicants for next year's incoming freshmen class. Fifty-five of the applications are either siblings and or employees' children.
  - iii. Over 110 people have toured the school as part of the lottery application tours. There are two school tours left before the lottery period closes
  - iv. The school's 45th day enrollment count was 507 students, which is above the budgeted amount of 502 students. The 135th day report will determine future funding for rest of the academic year.

## 9. New Business

- a. Acknowledgement of New Board Members - Donna Smith asked Justin Ross and Lori Larsen to introduce themselves and provide a personal and professional background. The existing board members then introduced themselves to the new board members.
- b. Donna Smith requested the next board meeting be moved to November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Elliot Figueroa moved to change the board meeting date from November 15<sup>th</sup> to November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Darin Scheidly seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Darin Scheidly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

11. Next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **January 24, 2022 at 5:30 pm.**

## Addendums



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Principal Report 10-27-2021

- We would like to recognize our Blazer Brag students and faculty/staff member for the month of September. Those students are  
Freshmen: Samantha Moore and Nolan Benjamin  
Sophomores: Kaliegh Keener and Charlotte Baucom  
Juniors: Trinity Boivin and Jeffery Matthews  
Seniors: Madeleine Mutzke and Kate Bradford  
Faculty/Staff Member: Ms. Bing Gallion
- On Sept. 22, members of our administration held a follow up conference with our faculty new to GMC.
- On Sept. 28-29, members of our administration attended the Kids First Conference. The conference was held in partnership with the SCPCSD and Erskine Charter District. Two of our faculty members, Ms. Bailey and Ms. Earle, presented on our digital portfolios used in senior project.
- On Sept. 29, GMC hosted our 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent information night. Open enrollment ends on Oct. 31.
- On Oct. 11, GMC held National Honor Society and Beta Club Induction ceremonies.
- On Oct. 15, our GMC Teacher Cadet students toured the college partner for Teacher Cadet, North Greenville University.
- On Oct. 15, GMC hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> annual GMC Blazer Bbq.
- On Oct. 17, our Blazer Tribe Club toured Stepp's Hillcrest Orchard in Hendersonville, NC and the Chimney Rock Village.
- On Oct. 20, we held our monthly faculty social at Spare Time. Lanes were provided at no cost.
- Art classes used techniques from former artist, Bob Ross, as part of celebrating Bob Ross week.
- On Oct. 21-22, GMC hosted the fall blood drive through The Blood Connection.
- On Oct. 21, GMC hosted a well-attended trunk or treat and haunted trail.
- One of our faculty members and one of our administration members attended the SC Education Technology Conference Oct. 20-22.
- On Oct. 21-22, student led conferences occurred.
- Faculty observations are continuing.
- Senior night for our fall sports took place on Oct. 7. Our tennis team competed on this night and their senior night took place on Oct. 13.
- Our fall athletic teams competed well with some sports ending. Our volleyball team competed in the first round of the state playoffs. In the state meet, both of our swim teams finished in the top 10 with one of our boys' relay teams winning a state championship. Both our cross country teams won region championships.



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Enrollment and Development

10-27-2021

Development Update:

- The Blazer BBQ was well attended and raised over 4300 to help with a stage for the activity center.

Enrollment Update:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- 223 applicants
- 55 siblings/staff members children included in the 223 applicants
- 110+ individuals over 4 tours
- 2 tours left before lottery
- 2 tours after lottery

45<sup>th</sup> Day Report will show 507 students. We are currently at 503 students.



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Board of Directors

September 2021 Finance Report

October 22, 2021

### September Financial Highlights

- Balance Sheet
  - As of September 30th, Cash Balances were **\$2,687,680**.
  - Total Assets were **\$15,530,927** for the month.
  - Total Current Liabilities were **\$508,549**.
  - Total Long-Term Liabilities were **\$10,476,000**.
  - Total Equity was **\$4,548,378**.
  
- Statement of Revenue & Expenses
  - Revenue
    - Total Income for September was **\$558,729** against a budget of **\$476,103 (17% or \$82,626 Favorable)**.
  - Expense
    - Total Expenses for September were **\$488,248** against a budget of **\$416,336 (17% or (\$71,912) Unfavorable)**.
  - Net Income
    - September Net Income was a **GAIN** of **\$70,480** versus a budget of **\$59,766** leaving a **\$10,714 Favorability**.
  
- Notes:
  - Revenue this month was favorable due to a favorability in Local Funding of \$58,722 and a favorability in Esser Funding of \$64,166.