



GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLAZERS

Board of Directors Minutes May 20, 2024

Members Present: Donna Smith, John Short, Lori Larsen, Pauline Nichol, Tony Kouskolekas, Zach Salvato, Darin Scheidly, Elliot Figueroa, Jennifer Jones

Administration Present: James Dillard, Jimmy Armstrong, Anne Goff, David Gantt

Members Absent: Pamela Adams

1. The meeting was called to order by Donna Smith, Chairman, at 5:30 pm.
2. There were no public speakers who desired to address the board.
3. Blazer Brag: James Dillard
 - a. Freshmen: Juan Millar nominated by Ms. Schonhar; Reese Houck nominated by Ms. Dentler.
 - b. Sophomores: Lowndes Smith nominated by Ms. Dentler; Christopher Purcell nominated by Deputy Leppard.
 - c. Juniors: Indya Maffett nominated by Mr. Cook; Kacie Ross nominated by Ms. Schonhar.
 - d. Seniors: Elly Rainey nominated by Mr. Cook; Bryson Seppala nominated by Ms. Robinson.
 - e. Employee of the Month: Cathy Teel
4. Reading of the GMC Mission Statement: Pauline Nichol
5. The board reviewed the proposed agenda for the meeting. Jennifer Jones made a motion to approve the agenda. Darin Scheidly seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the April 22, 2024, regular board meeting. Jennifer Jones made a motion to approve the minutes. Zach Salvato seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Administrative and Committee Reports:
 - a) Administration Report – Jimmy Armstrong presented the report:
 - i. Two seniors received scholarships from the Greater Greer Foundation.
 - ii. The school held its annual Awards Day on May 6th.
 - iii. Mr. Jason Rainey was recognized as a finalist for the District of the Year by the South Carolina Public Charter School District.
 - iv. The teachers were provided lots of food for Teacher Appreciation Week. PIP sponsored several lunches.
 - v. The Capstone Senior Project presentations was held on May 16th, and Senior Day was held on May 17th. We have 110 judges who volunteered their time, which allowed us four judges per classroom.
 - vi. The school won 10 of 12 regional championships in the sports we competed in.
 - vii. The boys' track team were state runners-up.
 - viii. The band raised \$6,800 for new equipment.
 - ix. Enrollment: The school is aiming for 549 students enrolled for the beginning of the school year. We are transitioning to the PowerSchool enrollment application so that the enrollment into PowerSchool will be more seamless.
 - b) Executive Committee Report- no report was presented.
 - c) Finance Committee- Elliot Figueroa presented the report:

- i. The school's year-to-day revenue was \$340 thousand favorable. \$98k favorable for ytd expenses. Net income ytd is \$438k favorable.
 - ii. The school's cash-on-hand is 199 days of unrestricted funds.
 - iii. Elliot Figueroa moved to accept the report. There was no further discussions. The motion passed unanimously.
 - iv. Elliot Figueroa moved on behalf of the Finance Committee to accept the April 2024 financial statements. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- d) Facilities – John Short presented the report:
- i. J. Davis Construction will have final drawings completed by next Thursday. They will be working on finalizing the construction budget by the first of July.
 - ii. The school is still working on the \$23 million projected budget for the building.
 - iii. Jennifer Jones asked about the resurfacing of the student parking. Mr. Armstrong said that the resurfacing is on the college's maintenance list.
- e) Policy & Governance Committee- Darin Scheidly presented the report.
- i. The annual board election was held on April 25th and 26th. The board members elected were Jennifer Jones, Pauline Nichol and Walker Smith.
 - ii. Donna Smith appointed John Short and Darin Scheidly as the board-appointed members.
- f) New members will be sworn in at the June regular board meeting.
- g) Academic Excellence Committee – Lori Larsen presented the report:
- i. The board annual survey for parents, students and employees have been completed. The committee will meet before the June regular board meeting to review the results.

8. New Business

- a) First Reading of the 2024-25 Annual Budget – Elliot Figueroa presented the budget:
- i. The budget has a net annual income of \$8,930.
 - ii. The budget has teacher pay rates comparable to the Greenville County Schools' teacher pay scales.
 - iii. The tuition budget for Greenville Technical College classes is staying the same for this year. GTC is trying to lower the cost in some instances.
 - iv. The building maintenance and computer refurbishment budgets are \$20,000 each.
 - v. Regarding capital outlays, the school has budgeted to upgrade for administrative offices in the amount of \$5,000.
 - vi. The SCPCSD administrative fee is 2% of the school's revenue. Total budget for revenue for the year is \$6.2 million.
 - vii. Elliot Figueroa asked about contracted services. Jimmy Armstrong said that we have separated full-time employees from contracted services. Our independent contractors are hired through single member limited liability companies.
 - viii. Regarding the GCS Career Center fees, the school will cover \$285, and the parents will have to cover the balance for their students.
 - ix. Elliot Figueroa moved on behalf of the Finance Committee to accept the First Reading of the budget. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Darin Scheidly moved to adjourn the meeting. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at Lori Larsen 6:10 p.m.

10. Next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for **June 22, 2024, at 5:30 pm.**

Addendums



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Principal Report 5-20-2024

- 2 of our students were recognized by the Greater Greer Education Foundation with \$1000 scholarships each.
- Awards Day was held on May 6.
- Mr. Rainey was recognized as a top 5 finalist in Columbia by the SCPCSD on May 8.
- School Nurses Day was held on May 8.
- May 6-10 was Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Capstone presentations were held on May 16.
- Yearbook Day was held on May 16.
- Senior Day was held on May 17.
- All testing is complete and that includes EOC and AP.
- Of the 12 region championships where GMC had a team, our school won 10 region championships.
- Our track teams finished 7th (girls) and 2nd (boys) State Runner Up.

Development Report

- We had 120 volunteers register to judge for Senior Capstone Presentation. Thank you to the program sponsor, STI for covering the cost of senior capstone presentation night. Thank you to board member, Jennifer Jones for the connection.

-We launched an online end of school year campaign “ The gift of music” that has raised \$6800 for band equipment.

- PIP hosted teacher appreciation week and provided multiple lunches, frozen treats, and a beach towel and sunscreen.

- PIP hosted its end of year luncheon and voted in its 24-25 leadership. They will be meeting over the summer for a planning session for the upcoming school year. An overview and budget will be reviewed in July.

Enrollment Report

We will have an additional Make-Up Intake meeting on May 30th that will include incoming 10-12th graders. Our current enrollment is 549 next year. We will not offer any spots until we are at or below 535. This is great news and a great retention of students!!

Enrolled/Waitlist

Incoming Freshmen: 140 /80

9th: 140/93

10th: 140/54

11th: 133/12

12th: 103/68

Lottery Software- We have started the implementation process with PowerSchool for Lottery and Enrollment. This is going to be a game changer for both schools!