

**Global Scholars Academy (GSA) Board Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**  
**Held in GSA Media Center at 6 p.m.**  
*Meeting was called to order by Dr. James Johnson at 6:10 p.m.*

**Open and Welcome**

**Roll Call of Members:** Ms. Amy Noble

**Board Members Present:** Dr. James Johnson, Mr. William Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Hairston Mitchell, Dr. Linda Bass, Dr. Sandra White

**Board Members Present via phone:** Dr. Tawannah Allen, Mr. Kirk McCoy

**Non-Voting Board Members Present:** Ms. Nikia Glass, Mr. Dan Mwai (phone)

**Board Members Absent:** Dr. Zakiya Whatley, Ms. Tammie Hall, Mr. Brian Wilson, Ms. Virda Adams

**Non-Board Members Present:** Dr. Andrea Carroll, Ms. Brittany Curry, Ms. Amy Noble, Mrs. Shakemia Jones, Ms. Tamika Satchell, Ms. Tamara Kwark, Mrs. Erin Zamborski, Ms. Sonya Quijada

**Agenda Approval**

The agenda for today's meeting was unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Hairston Mitchell and a second by Mr. Smith.

**Public Input**

None

**Meeting Minutes Approval**

The Board minutes from Tuesday, August 21, 2018 were unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Hairston Mitchell and a second by Dr. Linda Bass.

**Sonya Quijada – Q Wellness Special Presentation**

Ms. Quijada presented information regarding a proposed Mindfulness Practices and Yoga program. She shared two videos of our scholars doing yoga during her visit to GSA last year. Funding for this program would come from contracted services in the budget. The comprehensive program would run the entire year. Ms. Curry will follow up with Ms. Quijada.

**Tamara Kwark and Erin Zamborski – Faculty Member Presentation**

Ms. Kwark (GSA Art teacher) and Ms. Zamborski (GSA Middle School Social Studies teacher) shared how they are collaborating to integrate Art into Social Studies. They presented several middle school projects where they integrated the two subjects: Continents, Italian Renaissance, and Ancient Civilization.

**Standard Reports:**

***Brittany Curry – Managing Director Quick Hits***

Financial Audit completed. Awaiting a report from Rebekah Barr.

There were offline approvals for updates to GSA's Nepotism and Conflict of Interest policies – the motions were unanimously approved.

Looking for Board nominations.

Current enrollment is 211.

Workers Compensation audit was successful.

Welcome back to our UNC grad students – they will present in the October or November Board meeting.

***Dr. Andrea Carroll – Head of School Academic Reports***

We are standing strong at 211 scholars. Loss of students has been minimal.

Three vacancies at GSA: guidance counselor, exceptional children (2 vacancies), and in-school suspension/behavior educationally developed.

School Report Card and Test Results – Dr. Carroll presented an overview of test results. GSA received a Grade C and exceeded expectation.

Participation Overview: We had 12 targets and we met target in all subgroups.

EVAAS: We exceeded growth.

Final Program & Software Adoptions – Dr. Carroll provided a list of final program and software adoptions for 2018-2019.

Use of Case 21 for testing - Dr. Allen asked the effectiveness of Case 21 and requested a cost analysis. Dr. Carroll will provide in upcoming Board meeting.

2018-2019 Staff Development - Literacy Focus - through contracted services, programs and software training.

Dr. Johnson asked staff to look into the use of the Curriculum Pathways tool - free program offered through SAS.

***Brittany Curry – Managing Director Tech Stewardship***

Scholars in grades 5-8 were issued computers

25 hot spots issued for home connectivity

Few issues with damage and misuse

Streaming presenting some issues but addressing with technology use communication to students and parents

***Brittany Curry – Managing Director Financial Reports***

Ms. Curry presented the topline tracker through August 31. Expenses are tracking well to date. Revenue is tracking high as several funds have been received, but it is not indicative of trending high for the year.

Key Updates: Final budget has been sent to Thomas and Gibbs. They have sent back a few notes. By next month, preparations for July and August will be presented.

Financial Audit was scheduled for September 7 with Ms. Barr.

MOE due September 30.

Child Nutrition – end-of-year reporting is due October 1. About \$2k in outstanding balances at the end of last year.

***Brittany Curry – Managing Director Fundraising Reports***

Ms. Curry presented grant updates about Kenan Charitable Trust, Burroughs, and GSK. Grant Thornton (in partnership with UNC) would like to do a community service event, perhaps with the garden – we owe Union Baptist Church a plan by October 23 about the school garden. Currently working on a big proposal in the arts program. Fletcher Foundation – pending visit. Entered into a National Security Agency agreement through NC State and will be partnering on projects. Verizon Grant program – invitation only - waiting to hear back.

***Brittany Curry – Managing Director Budget Planning***

The budget is with Thomas and Gibbs and we will meet with them tomorrow regarding feedback.

**Old Business:**

***Brittany Curry – Managing Director Technology Plans***

Overall technology goals:

Increase Efficiency  
Reduce Costs  
Capacity Building

Next Steps - asking for approval to end the contract with Worksmart.

Motion by Mr. McCoy to eliminate the contract with Worksmart and move forward with the proposal Ms. Curry has presented to enter into a contract with Avinteks in Atlanta. Amendment by Mr. Smith to have Mr. McCoy work with Ms. Curry to develop a set of needs that need to be addressed at the Board level. Second by Dr. White. Mrs. Hairston Mitchell will review the contract. Motion carries unanimously.

Security - currently paying Mr. Giles \$250 a month to monitor security. Several administrators have access to monitor security. Ms. Curry will research the cost to end the contract.

**New Business:**

***Dr. Andrea Carroll – Head of School GSA Leadership Team***

Dr. Carroll shared about the School Leadership Team. The alternate for Ms. Glass will be Mrs. Zamborski. Ms. Wilson will become the EC lead.

***Dr. Andrea Carroll – Head of School Student Proposal: Locker Locks***

Topic tabled until the next meeting.

***Dr. Andrea Carroll – Head of School Shout out!***

Dr. Carroll gave a shout out to the GSA staff for their performance during the tornado warnings yesterday. Scholars were quiet and orderly. She also commended Mrs. Hairston Mitchell for her help with drop off during the tornado warnings.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Hairston Mitchell made a motion for the Board meeting to adjourn with a second by Mr. Smith. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.