

Global Scholars Academy (GSA) Board Minutes
Tuesday, April 16, 2019
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, Ms. Shelton Gore, Dr. Sandra White

Board Members Present via phone/Skype: Mr. Kirk McCoy, Dr. Tawannah Allen, Mr. Brian Wilson

Board Members Absent: Dr. Zakiya Whatley, Ms. Tammie Hall

Non-Board Members Present: Dr. Andrea Carroll, Ms. Brittany Curry, Ms. Jamie Nobles, Ms. Amy Noble, Ms. Nikia Glass, Dr. Rachel Person, Mrs. Lakeisha Thomas, Ms. Dessera Barbour

Agenda Approval

There is an amendment to the agenda - UNC MBA students will have a presentation. The agenda for today's meeting was unanimously approved as amended following a motion by Mrs. Dorothy Hairston Mitchell and a second by Dr. Sandra White.

Public Input

None

Review Minutes

The Board minutes from Tuesday, February 19, 2019 were unanimously approved following a motion by Dr. Linda Bass and a second by Mrs. Dorothy Hairston Mitchell.

Presentations Dr. Rachel Person - STEM Teacher

Dr. Person presented information regarding a field trip taken during Spring Intersession. All participating scholars went to RDU International Airport and met with architects, Jennifer Evangelist and Jaymes Carter. The airport provided goodie bags for all scholars. Scholars went to the observation deck as well and were able to see the airplanes lift. Dr. Person also presented the survey results displaying how much the scholars enjoyed the camp. Grades 3-7 rated these as top 3: Hip Hop Education Workshop, RDU Flight Observation Trip, Scrap Exchange. Grades K-2 rated these as top 3: Soap Making, RDU Flight Observation Trip, Art/Spanish/Storytime. Dr. Johnson asked that the article be found about Phil Freelon, African-American Architect of the year and one of the lead architects of RDU. Shout out to Dr. Andrea Carroll, Mr. Elton O'Neal, and The Links Durham for putting together the Intersession Camp programs.

Presentations Mrs. LaKeisha Thomas - Guidance Counselor

Mrs. LaKeisha Thomas presented about the 8th grade D.C. trip. 20 scholars attended. GSA was able to tour the Air and Space Museum, African Art Museum, Howard University, and a scavenger hunt. It was 8 scholars first time visiting D.C. and 2 scholars first time outside of NC. Over 60% rated the trip as excellent and the only cons were asking for the trip to be longer. Two 8th grade scholars, Seniya Barbour

and Elias Mercado, presented about the trip and their favorite experiences. A big thank you to the Middle School teachers, Mr. Elton O'Neal, and Mrs. LaKeisha Thomas.

Presentations UNC MBA Students

Ms. Jasmin Hines, Mr. Mike Heffez, and Mr. Daniel Masse introduced themselves and discussed their backgrounds. They took a tour of GSA and have been discussing the dynamics of the school with Ms. Brittany Curry. The students will be focusing on fundraising for the school. They would like to contribute in 3 areas: fundraising materials and targeting specific donors with a goal of sustainable funding, identifying new sources, and a 10-year anniversary fundraising campaign including a video. Mr. Kirk McCoy requested an analysis in how to continue sustainability at GSA.

Standard Reports:

Hot Topics - Bus is still being repaired as it was vandalized. Additional parts are needed to finalize repair and there are some issues with finding the proper parts due to the age of the bus. Dr. James Johnson asked for us to look into partnering with a high school auto repair training program in the future to assist with bus repairs.

There will be NO board meeting in July so next couple of meetings will review budget heavily.

Rebekah Barr's contract has been renewed. Due to the Teacher Rally the school will be closed on May 1. May 3 and May 13 will now be regular school days and no longer early release days.

Postponing Earth Day plans and will be hosting a community service event in the fall. The garden will be funding by UBC for \$5000 over the next 2 years. Also had a meeting with Tree Durham and will be planting a tree. Working on a Lowe's and Campus Beautification grant to help fulfill the \$10,000 need. The dads will also be involved in helping with the fence and layout of the garden. Testing is coming up in May and June with EOG testing.

Dr. Andrea Carroll – Head of School Academic Reports

GSA's current enrollment stands at 202 and last year's enrollment was 198.

Staff intent forms for 2019-2020 were passed out and Dr. Andrea Carroll has been meeting with staff members. She also attended a job fair in Rocky Mount, however due to the weather the attendance wasn't as expected. Dr. Carroll will be attending another job fair in Durham soon.

Dr. Andrea Carroll detailed the classes that were offered at the Intersession Camp in collaboration with the Durham Arts Council. Intersession staff was determined based on scholars' attendance.

EC Department just completed their April 1 headcount and analyzing IEPs. All testing accommodations have been completed.

Brittany Curry – Managing Director Tech Stewardship

100% compliance the past few months. Continuing to monitor excessive use.

Brittany Curry – Managing Director Financial Reports

Ms. Curry presented the financial statement for February and March. Expenses are tracking well and will only need to pull about \$90,000 from the reserve- cutting it down about 50%. Summer reading funds have been received and came in a bit higher at \$18,000. Received \$24,000 from the state for behavior support and will be sent back because we no longer have current scholars who qualify for the PRC 029 program. Union Baptist Church continues to deliver about \$3000 monthly, have already received about \$37,000 and are projected to about \$47,000 for the year. Will need to set a meeting with Finance Committee early May to review the budget for 2019-2020 school year. Was able to renew Worker's Compensation early at a lower rate for next year and will see noticeable savings next year.

Dr. Sandra White presented an idea regarding getting a new bus with discussing with local car dealerships on donations.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable audit was flawless and the School Nutrition Audit, with the USDA went very well. Thank you to Mrs. Bettie Lyons and Ms. Jamie Nobles for their hard work on the audits.

A move to approve February and March financials was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. William Smith with a second by Mrs. Dorothy Hairston Mitchell.

Key Fundraising Updates

Great meeting March 11 with members of the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust, included Tom Kenan. Will follow up on upcoming support from them as well. Tryon Palace \$750 grant was awarded and some of our scholars will visit in 2019-2020. GSA was not selected to continue for the AT&T Aspire grant. 21st Century will not release this year due to the availability of funds and will hopefully continue in 2020-2021. Outstanding \$5000 grant currently with Lowe's and waiting to hear back.

Budget Planning for 2019-2020 is in planning process and will meet with the Finance Committee in May. We will bring the draft for full Board input at the May meeting and receive full approval at the June meeting.

Mr. William Smith asked that Ms. Shelton Gore be added to the Finance Committee. She accepted.

Dr. James Johnson had dinner with Susan Heinneman of the SEH Tabitha Foundation.

New Business:

Forward Thinking – shared pictures from Intersession Camp

Save the Dates – upcoming important May dates

Dr. Sandra White - spoke about a grant by the Triangle Community Foundation for potential to pursue. Donor newsletter was sent out and will hopefully impact and influence giving.

Dr. James Johnson asked that we position GSA for social impact investments.

Mrs. Dorothy Hairston Mitchell - had Dr. Andrea Carroll present at the educational series with Virtual Justice Projects with the NCCU School of Law for Wrapping up your School Year. Dr. Carroll was a wealth of knowledge. She also spoke with several NCCU students about GSA.

Adjournment for Closed Session:

A motion was made by Mr. William Smith to go into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes under the North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1) at 7:19 p.m. Second by Dr. Sandra White.

Open Session:

A motion was made to go back into Open Session by Mrs. Dorothy Hairston Mitchell at 8:31 p.m. with a second by Dr. Linda Bass.

Adjournment

Mr. William Smith made motion for the Board meeting to adjourn with a second by Dr. Sandra White. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.