

**Global Scholars Academy (GSA) Board Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**  
**Held in GSA Media Center at 6 p.m.**  
*Meeting was called to order by Dr. James Johnson at 6:06 p.m.*

**Open and Welcome**

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

**Board Members Present:** Dr. James Johnson, Mrs. Dorothy Hairston Mitchell, Dr. Linda Bass, Mr. Kirk McCoy

**Board Members Present via phone:** none

**Board Members Absent:** Dr. Zakiya Whatley, Ms. Tammie Hall, Mr. Brian Wilson, Ms. Virda Adams, Dr. Sandra White, Dr. Tawannah Allen, Mr. William Smith

**Non-Board Members Present:** Dr. Andrea Carroll, Ms. Brittany Curry, Ms. Jamie Nobles, Ms. Amy Noble, Mrs. Shakemia Edwards, and Ms. Tonya Jackson

**Quorum was not met – meeting is for information only.**

**Agenda Approval**

The agenda for the meeting could not be approved tonight.

**Public Input**

None

**Meeting Minutes Approval**

The Board minutes from Tuesday, October 16, 2018 could not be approved tonight.

**Shakemia Jones – Faculty Member Presentation**

Mr. Jones – GSA's, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, presented reading data for her scholars. Proficiency for reading is currently 50%. She shared a plan of action to improve proficiency levels.

PBI - G project - How can one kid change the world? GSA 1<sup>st</sup> graders asked compelling questions on this topic by video to students in an area high school. The high school students responded with children throughout the area that have helped to change the world. To complete the project, the scholars will assemble care packages and hand them out at the Durham Rescue Mission.

**Standard Reports:**

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

Current enrollment is 207.

GSA received the DPI Exceeded Academic Growth Award for exceeding academic growth expectations for students during the 2017-2018 school year.

Vacancies – we have secured a guidance counselor and are currently interviewing for a Grade 3 teacher and a visual arts teacher.

Extended Day scheduled programs includes homework, art therapy, mindfulness and yoga, chess, music and storytelling, coding, middle school math remediation, Uptown Glamour, and structured recess – including soccer, volleyball, long ball, and basketball.

Dr. Carroll will present the GSA School Improvement Plan 2018-2021 at the next Board meeting for a vote.

Staff Development – outstanding presentation from Dr. Malone of NCCU on cooperative learning. She gave the staff additional learning materials.

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

No major updates. Compliant. A few overages but overall fine.

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

A finance meeting was held last week. The budget will not be adjusted this year. The Topline Tracker showed actuals from last year and proposed, actuals, and forecast for this year. Based on the current forecast, GSA is projected to end the year well.

Ms. Curry also presented information on October allotments, Union Baptist Church (UBC) giving, and expenses.

The financial audit was accepted and approved by the state of NC. 990's were filed on November 6.

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

Grant Thornton, through a UNC partnership, had a mural painted in the media center. GSA scholars, teachers, staff, and UNC students helped to paint the mural.

We had a positive meeting with Fletcher Foundation. They requested a short list of big project ideas for GSA.

Hometown Huddle - did not receive grant.

**Old Business:**

***Brittany Curry – Managing Director Matching Challenge Campaign***

GSA has an opportunity to receive \$50k from an anonymous donor if we are able to match the donation with an additional \$50k by December 31, 2018. A \$50k matching challenge campaign is launching soon! Board members provided feedback on the campaign and web pages.

**New Business:**

***Dr. Andrea Carroll – Head of School Community Day with UBC***

On November 3, a community day with UBC was held. Free book bags and food was handed out. Thank you to UBC for a successful, well executed event.

**Forward Thinking - Important events**

Important dates and events for November and December were given. A holiday gathering at GSA with staff and Board members was discussed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.