

Global Scholars Academy (GSA) Board Minutes
Tuesday, October 16, 2018
Held in GSA Media Center at 6 p.m.
Meeting was called to order by Dr. James Johnson at 6:04 p.m.

Open and Welcome

Roll Call of Members: Ms. Brittany Curry

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

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

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

Non-Board Members Present: Dr. Andrea Carroll, Ms. Brittany Curry, Mr. Elton O'Neal, Ms. Jamie Nobles, Ms. Nikia Glass, Ms. Tamika Satchell, Mrs. Christianna Cradle, Ms. Tonya Jackson, Ms. Shaquila Rouse, Ms. Shana Brye, Ms. Rebekah Barr

Agenda Approval

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

Public Input

Ms. Tamika Satchell, Mrs. Christianna Cradle, Ms. Tonya Jackson, Ms. Shaquila Rouse, Ms. Shana Brye introduced themselves.

Meeting Minutes Approval

The Board minutes from Tuesday, September 18, 2018 were unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Hairston Mitchell and a second by Ms. Virda Adams.

Rebekah Barr – Financial Audit

Ms. Barr presented the drafted audit report. The audit went smoothly and no changes were made. She also presented the management representation letter which was completed by Thomas and Gibbs.

Ms. Curry thanked Ms. Jamie Nobles for her work which resulted in such a smooth audit.

Mr. Smith moved that the audit report presented by Ms. Barr be approved and seconded by Mrs. Hairston Mitchell. Motion carries unanimously.

Tamika Satchell – Faculty Member Presentation

Ms. Satchell presented a snapshot of Kindergarten data. Next steps: explicit whole group instruction in a creative way, additional small group instruction, and parent events. They are also using Letterland for targeted learning.

Standard Reports:

Dr. Andrea Carroll – Head of School Academic Reports

Student enrollment is 209.

Current staffing vacancies: Guidance counselor and In-school Suspension/Behavior Educationally Developed. Interviews are underway.

Fall Intersession Camp – 60 scholars in attendance. Progress reports were sent to parents at the end of the week. There was great staff participation.

Overall benchmark data was presented for ELA, Math, and Science. Dr. Carroll will bring the more extensive breakdown of data to the next Board meeting. Ms. Glass also shared additional information regarding the data breakdown. Dr. Carroll will meet with each teacher to discuss the needs of individual scholars.

Dr. Carroll discussed the primary goals for the 2018-2019 School Improvement Plan:

- 1: Improve overall reading proficiency from 54% to 70% as measured by EOG GLP and mCLASS assessment by June 2019.
- 2: Increase growth and proficiency in reading and math.
- 3: Develop and implement an AIG program targeting grades 3-8.
- 4: Families and students will adhere to the school hours, 7:45 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Brittany Curry – Managing Director Tech Stewardship

No issues with computer damage. Continued monitoring of streaming activities. Network configurations made to discourage excessive use.

Brittany Curry – Managing Director Financial Reports

Audit was successful. Trending on revenue and expenses.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the July-September financial reports with the amendment of the cover page of the third report to read: For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2018. Second by Dr. White. Motion carries unanimously.

Summer Reading Rollover funds spent and draw down by September 30.

Financial Audit due to State by October 31.

990s are due by November 15.

Brittany Curry – Managing Director Fundraising Reports

Verizon – we will look to apply to Cohort 7 but we are not a big enough district to support.

Grant Thornton – coming November 7 to paint a mural.

Old Business:

Brittany Curry – Managing Director Fundraising Planning Update

Ms. Curry detailed the fundraising strategic plan to include the mission, key goals and success metrics, key strategies, and tactics. She also presented the General Fundraising Grid, Specific Initiative Grid, information on Revenue Stream Management and marketing plans.

Donor Challenge: An anonymous donor has agreed to donate \$50k to GSA if we raise \$50k by the end of the year.

Ms. Curry presented information about using Classy.org as a fundraising platform. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the spend of \$3588 for Classy.org services with a second by Dr. White. Motion carries unanimously.

New Business:

Dr. Andrea Carroll – Head of School Community Connection Day with Union Baptist Church (UBC)

GSA will partner with UBC for a Community Connection Day on Saturday, November 3. GSA families will be given free school materials, food, clothing, and medical services.

Adjournment for Closed Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to go into Closed Session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee under the North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1) at 7:29 p.m. Second by Mrs. Dorothy Hairston Mitchell.

Open Session:

A motion was made to go back into Open Session by Mr. Smith at 7:50 p.m. with a second by Dr. Bass.

Adjournment

Mr. Smith made motion for the Board meeting to adjourn with a second by Dr. Bass. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.