

Global Scholars Academy (GSA) Board Minutes
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Held via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting was called to order by Dr. James Johnson at 6:02 p.m.

Open and Welcome

Roll Call of Members: Ms. Karis Battle

Board Members Present via phone/Zoom: Dr. James Johnson, Mr. William Smith, Dr. Tawannah Allen, Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, Mr. Kirk McCoy, Mrs. Shelton Gore, Dr. Linda Bass, Ms. Tammie Hall

Board Members Absent: Dr. Sandra White, Dr. Zakiya Whatley

Non-Board Members Present: Dr. Pamela Baldwin, Ms. Jamie Nobles, Ms. Karis Battle, Mr. Leland Davis, Ms. Marlisha Blakeney, Dr. Khari Grant, Mrs. Bettie Lyons

Agenda Approval

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

Public Input

None

Review Minutes

The Board minutes from Tuesday, March 16, 2021 were unanimously approved following a motion by Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell and a second by Mr. William Smith.

Standard Reports:

Academic Reports

Dr. Pam Baldwin – Head of School Enrollment

Current enrollment stands at 193. EC is serving 24 scholars with 2 in progress and EL is serving 46 scholars.

Leland Davis – I.T. Director Tech Stewardship

Mr. Davis presented the Help Desk Summary.

There are 4 unresolved and 2 open tickets. We have brought on Mr. Rodriguez as the Technology Technician to assist with tech needs.

21st Century Community Learning Center STEAM Focused Updates

Mr. Leland Davis shared Extended Day Updates which included an increase in enrollment, First Lego League Kick-Off and new Saturday Programs.

Brittany Curry – Dir. of Development, Marketing, & Communications Grants/Fundraising Updates

Ms. Brittany Curry presented the fundraising tracker. We received additional money from Tom Kenan and

our award from Tabitha Foundation.

Continuing to send out 10 Year Anniversary newsletters with ongoing updates and happenings at GSA. Ms. Brittany Curry also discussed some of the highlights that have gone out on GSA's social media.

A move to approve the new middle school shirt color as presented was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. William Smith with a second by Mrs. Shelton Gore.

Jamie Nobles – Accountant Financial Reports

Ms. Jamie Nobles presented the Topline Tracker through March 31, 2021. We received the second allotment of 136,000 from 21st Century grant, total received \$272,000 of \$400,000 and expected to receive the next allotment by June 30, 2021. We also received our Read to Achieve (Summer Reading) in the amount of \$14,084 and have until October 2021 to spend funds. Total funds received so far this year is 2,534,984.

We continue to receive monthly donations via Classy and PayPal.

We transferred \$372,071 to our new Self Help bank account that has accrued interest bringing the account balance to \$372,321.

2021-2022 Finance Budget will be presented in New Business.

Mr. William Smith - We have also applied for PPP Loan Forgiveness and are hoping to hear something within the next 3 months. Hoping for 100% loan forgiveness.

A move to approve the financial report as presented was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. William Smith with a second by Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell.

Old Business:

Dr. Pam Baldwin – Head of School Lottery 2021-2022

Dr. Pam Baldwin gave an update on the Lottery for 2021-2022 and recruiting and expecting a projection of 218 enrollment.

New Business:

Dr. Pam Baldwin – Head of School Board Member Terms

A move to approve to extend the term for 1 month of Board Member, Tammie Hall as presented was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. William Smith with a second by Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell.

Mr. William Smith – Board Treasurer 2021-2022 Budget Proposal

Mr. William Smith went over details of the 2021-2022 proposed budget by the Finance Committee. This document was sent out prior to the Board Meeting. The budget assumptions are based on 210 scholars. We will recommend a vote during the May Board Meeting once board members have an opportunity to review.

Looking Forward

Save the Date! Upcoming Dates given.

GSA Highlights:

Ms. Marlisha Blakeney - 3rd Grade Teacher 3rd Grade Educator Spotlight

Ms. Marlisha Blakeney shared a video of our 3rd graders. The video shared a project the scholars did to answer research questions about COVID-19 and the vaccine throughout academic subjects. This video was also present during Parent & Family Engagement Night.

The board discussed other options to use this video to engage and market within the community. They also discussed other similar projects on how to bring attention to current events like the Derek Chauvin case and racial tension in America.

Adjournment

Mrs. Shelton Gore made motion for the Board meeting to adjourn with a second by Ms. Tammie Hall. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.