

Global Scholars Academy (GSA) Board Minutes
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
Held via Zoom at 6 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Judge Dorothy Mitchell at 6:02 p.m.

Open and Welcome

Roll Call of Members: Ms. Amy Noble

Board Members Present via phone/Zoom: Mr. William Smith, Dr. Tawannah Allen, Judge Dorothy Mitchell, Rev. Kenneth Hammond, Dr. Sandra White, Mr. Kirk McCoy, Ms. Tammie Hall, Mrs. Shelton Gore

Board Members Absent: Dr. James Johnson, Dr. Zakiya Whatley

Non-Board Members Present: Dr. Pamela Baldwin, Ms. Brittany Curry, Dr. Khari Grant, Ms. Amy Noble, Ms. Rhonda Ashe, Ms. Rita Wells, Ms. Marlisha Blankney, Mr. Cory Draughon

Agenda Approval

Mr. Smith shared an amendment to the agenda with Mr. Cory Draughon (from Charter Success Partners) moved up in the agenda to Presentations. He will present the financial report at that time. The amended agenda for today's meeting was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Smith and a second by Dr. White.

Public Input

None

Review Minutes

The Board minutes from Tuesday, February 15, 2022 were unanimously approved following a motion by Rev. Hammond and a second by Mrs. Gore.

Presentations

Cory Draughon – Charter Success Partners (CSP) GSA Financial Report

Mr. Smith indicated - the Finance Committee met on March 8. In February, we received reconciled statements from CSP.

Cory Draughon with CSP presented the finance report.

The transition to CSP has gone well and all accounts are reconciled and updated through the end of February.

He presented the condensed financial report format. The total budget for the year was \$4,585,225 and CSP added the EOY projection column in order to show a better understanding of where GSA will end the year. As of the end of February, we are 67% through the year. Everything looks good. We are on track for a surplus at the end of the year.

Looking at the books - CSP has identified some liabilities that need to be treated differently. Nothing of major concern but cleaning it up and putting a list together and should be completed by April.

Donations in February - \$620

Mrs. Gore moved to accept the February 2022 financial reports as presented. Second by Mr. McCoy. Motion carries unanimously.

Standard Reports:
Academic Reports

Amy Noble – Executive Admin. Assistant Enrollment

Current enrollment stands at 196. EC is serving 26 scholars with 4-5 being referred and EL is serving 53 scholars with 1 in progress. The lottery for the 2022-2023 school year will be held on Friday afternoon.

Marlisha Blakeney – Instructional Coach & Testing Coordinator NC Check In Data

Ms. Blakeney shared the academic report.

In November, our 3-8 scholars took the NC Check In for Math and Reading and scholars in grade 5 and 8 also took the Science Check In. NC Check Ins are designed to be quick snapshots aligned with EOG tests. Ms. Blakeney presented data on how our scholars' data compares to the State's prediction (EVAAS) of how they will perform. She shared data for Reading, Math, and Science.

Ms. Blakeney presented i-Ready data - an important instructional tool to help our scholars grow academically. Scholars take these assessments 3 times a year. i-Ready adjusts questions as scholars are taking the assessment so we can have great data to provide support and take them to the next level.

She shared 3rd grade Reading data as an example of how our scholars are showing progress and receiving targeted support using small groups.

She also shared how we are using this data to inform our work at GSA.

Teachers are celebrating the bright spots and celebrating growth and mastery.

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

Ms. Curry gave an update on the 2021-2022 fundraising tracker. We received our \$60k from Tabitha for the 2022-2023 school year. This is the final year for their grant support as they want to focus on the needs in the Asheville area.

21st Century will drop for \$400,000 next year.

The 21st Century audit went well. Ms. Curry gave a huge thank you to the leadership team and Ms. Tasha Lewis for their work on the audit.

We are entering a season of Federal consolidated audits. This will take place over the next few months. We will have an on-site visit.

ESSER audits are also coming up.

Some of these funds have settled differently from how we budgeted so we will have to resubmit the budgets to DPI. Ms. Curry is meeting with CSP and Mr. Smith to make sure we are on the same page regarding reclasses.

Old Business:

Dr. Pam Baldwin – Head of School Face Covering Policy

The State requires a face covering Board policy that will be in the Board minutes every month - current policy is that everyone wears a mask - scholars, staff, visitors.

Dr. Baldwin recommended that we keep our face covering policy. We are now having face-to-face meetings. A conversation was had regarding if the school administration may make small changes as things improve - such as removing the attestation form that the staff fill out before coming in the building.

A discussion was had regarding water fountain usage and the scholars' ability to fill their water bottles in their classroom.

Dr. White moved for the GSA administration team to have the autonomy to make small changes as it relates to COVID protocols, and any big changes need to be presented to the Board. Rev. Hammond seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Dr. White made a motion to accept the face covering policy as it currently stands for March/April (until the next Board meeting) requiring every person in the building to wear a face covering, second by Mr. Smith. Motion unanimously approved.

Judge Dorothy Mitchell – BOD Vice Chairperson Global Scholars Academy Bylaws

No need for further discussion.

New Business:

Dr. Pam Baldwin – Head of School Month in Review

Dr. Baldwin shared pictures for the month in review.

Forward Thinking

Dr. Baldwin shared the upcoming events.

Adjournment for Closed Session:

A motion was made by Mr. 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); to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6); and to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5) at 6:45 p.m. with a second by Mr. McCoy.

Open Session:

A motion was made to go back into Open Session by Mr. Smith at 7:30 p.m. with a second by Mrs. Gore.

Adjournment

Rev. Hammond made a motion for the Board meeting to adjourn with a second by Mr. Smith. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.