

Global Scholars Academy (GSA) Board Minutes
Tuesday, April 19, 2022
Held in the GSA gym and via Zoom at 6 p.m.
Meeting was called to order by Rev. Kenneth Hammond at 6:06 p.m.

Open and Welcome

Roll Call of Members: Ms. Amy Noble

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

Board Members Absent: Mr. Kirk McCoy

Non-Board Members Present via in person/Zoom: Dr. Trixie Brooks, Ms. Brittany Curry, Dr. Khari Grant, Ms. Amy Noble, Ms. Rhonda Ashe, Mrs. LaKeisha Thomas, Ms. Tasha Lewis, Ms. Miranda Markham, Mrs. Bettie Lyons, Ms. Rita Wells, Mr. Ryan Hansen, Ms. Essence Chism, Ms. Tiffany Chavis, Mr. Kyle Durant, Ms. Cheryl McNeely

Agenda Approval

The agenda for today's meeting was unanimously approved following a motion by Judge Mitchell and a second by Dr. White.

Public Input

A teacher asked why there was no teacher on the Board. Rev. Hammond indicated that it would be addressed at a later time in the meeting.

Review Minutes

The Board minutes from Tuesday, March 15, 2022 were unanimously approved following a motion by Judge Mitchell and a second by Dr. White.

Presentations

Dr. Trixie Brooks – Head of School Recognitions

Dr. Brooks commended Mrs. Bettie Lyons and Ms. Miranda Markham on the November 2021 clean on-site monitoring visit from School Nutrition/Public Schools of North Carolina.

Mrs. Lakeisha Thomas – GSA Guidance Counselor End-of-Year Events

Ms. Tasha Lewis – GSA 21st Century Director

Mrs. Thomas and Ms. Lewis shared information regarding end-of-year events: Spirit Week, Middle School Spring Dance, 8th grade outing, Field Day, and Graduation. The Board determined a vote was not needed to approve.

Standard Reports:

Academic Reports

Amy Noble – Executive Admin. Assistant Enrollment

Current enrollment stands at 194. EC is serving 27 scholars with 4-5 being referred and EL is serving 53 scholars.

Dr. Khari Grant – Assistant Head of School Summer Programs

Dr. Grant shared an update on Summer Programs. The camp will be June 13-17 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. June 17 will be designated for EOC/EOG exams for scholars in grades 3-8. K-2 will provide targeted and engaging literacy intervention.

The State requires the Summer Programs Plan approved by the Board.

Motion to approve the Summer Programs Plan by Judge Mitchell and second by Mr. Smith. Motion carries unanimously.

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

Ms. Curry gave an update on the 2021-2022 fundraising tracker. The 21st Century audit went very well. There were 3 findings (Sustainability plan addition, Amend Tech Agreement and Handbook, Contact area private schools) and they will be completed and submitted by April 27.

We are preparing for our Consolidated audits. The pre-visit documents have been submitted. The in-person visit is April 28.

EC and Title submissions are coming up.

ESSER audit is complete with no findings.

William Smith – GSA Board of Directors Treasurer Financial Reports

Mr. Smith presented the March financial report. The Finance Committee met last week. He shared a recap of the detailed summary we received from Charter Success Partners (CSP).

March 2022 Financial Report

Our budgeted revenue is \$4,585,225. For the period, \$479,110.93 in revenue was received. Year-to-date current revenue is \$3,326,528.46 and we have a remaining budget of \$1,258,696.54. The projected end-of fiscal year is \$4,950,660.02 in revenue.

Our budget for expenses for the year was \$4,523,311. For the period, we spent \$387,362.44. Year-to date is \$3,102,917.17 and we have a remaining budget of \$1,420,393.83. The projected end-of-fiscal year is \$4,868,770.16. We would end up with a surplus of \$81,889.86 if we spend according to projections from CSP.

Operating account - Wells Fargo balance: Statement balance - \$471,349.66, Outstanding checks - \$89,203.46, Adjusted balance - \$382,146.20.

Tabitha account: Statement balance - \$120,071.57. We need to transfer \$60,000 out before the fiscal year end.

Kenan account: Statement balance - \$18,511.48. We need to transfer the balance out before the fiscal year end.

Self-Help savings account: Statement balance - \$198,192.23 (our reserve account)

Donations for the month of March - \$300.

Expenses trending slightly under budget.

New in Finance - Starting in June, GSA will use another payroll system - Proliant. Prudential is no longer housing our NC 457 retirement plan. It is now with Empower Retirement.

Mr. Smith moved to accept the March 2022 financial reports as presented. Second by Judge Mitchell. Motion carries unanimously.

Dr. Khari Grant – Assistant Head of School

Month in Review

Dr. Grant shared the Month In Review.

Forward Thinking

Dr. Grant 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) and 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)(6) at 7:26 p.m. with a second by Judge Mitchell.

Open Session:

A motion was made to go back into Open Session by Mr. Smith at 7:55 p.m. with a second by Judge Mitchell.

The BOD voted unanimously with a motion by Mr. Smith and a second by Judge Mitchell to give the Director of Development, Communications, and Marketing a \$10,000.00 bonus for the 19/20 school year and no bonus for the 20/21 school year. This bonus is to be paid in April or May.

Adjournment

Mr. Smith made a motion for the Board meeting to adjourn with a second by Judge Mitchell. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.