

Global Scholars Academy (GSA) Board Minutes
Tuesday, June 28, 2022
Held via Zoom at 6 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Kenneth Hammond at 6:04 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, Judge Dorothy Mitchell, Mrs. Shelton Gore, Mr. Kirk McCoy

Board Members Absent: Dr. Tawannah Allen, Ms. Tammie Hall, Dr. Zakiya Whatley, Dr. Sandra White,

Non-Board Members Present via in person/Zoom: Dr. Trixie Brooks, Ms. Brittany Curry, Ms. Amy Noble, Mrs. Bettie Lyons

Agenda Approval

Judge Mitchell shared an amendment to the agenda with an item added under Old Business - an election for a new term for Mrs. Shelton Gore. The amended agenda for today's meeting was unanimously approved following a motion by Judge Mitchell and a second by Mr. Smith.

Public Input

None.

Review Minutes

The Board minutes from Tuesday, May 17, 2022, were unanimously approved following a motion by Judge Mitchell and a second by Mr. Smith.

Standard Reports:

Academic Reports

Amy Noble – Executive Admin. Assistant Enrollment

Current enrollment stands at 192. EC is serving 27 scholars and EL is serving 52 scholars. Ms. Noble gave an update on the enrollments for the 2022-2023 school year. Numbers are trending positive.

We have been doing tours to prospective parents and attended a school fair in Raleigh.

Dr. Trixie Brooks – Head of School 2021-2022 EOG Data

Dr. Brooks shared data on the overall EOG data, including the breakdowns for Reading, Math, Science, and Math 1 – percentages of proficiency. There was marked improvement with remediation during intersession.

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

Ms. Curry gave an update on the 2021-2022 fundraising tracker. No major updates to report. GSA was awarded a 100k grant from Kenan Charitable Trust, specific to the MakerSpace.

The 21st Century financial audit is complete - successfully completed all compliance budget corrections. We are now compliant.

Consolidated audit – We had one finding. It has been submitted and we are now compliant.

The EC PRC 060 application is submitted, and budget approved by the State.

The Consolidate grant will come up in August and September.

Mrs. Lyons - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant - did not reapply. Spoke with former Head of School and there were concerns about being able to be compliant and with purchasing with the supply chain issues. Procurement is a huge piece - required to have a minimum of 3 different vendors. We have not been able to get anyone to bid on us as we are a small school. At the time of applying, it was not known about administration turnover and heavy turnover of staff to be able to train for in class nutrition sessions. Significant thought went into deciding whether or not we would apply and to make sure our record remains spotless.

Ms. Curry - Safer Schools grant - SROs and safety supplies – DPI sometimes combines these grants and other times they separate the grants. The SRO grant is always a matching grant. We have been trending down and not using all of the money and had to revert funds back. When the SRO grant came up in January, administration decided not to apply. The safety grant will come up in the Fall and we are encouraged to reapply.

Ms. Curry gave remarks to thank the Board for her time here. Thanks were given to her from members of the Board.

William Smith – GSA Board of Directors Treasurer Financial Reports

Mr. Smith presented the May financial report. Overall, on revenue and expenses we should end the year about even.

Operating account - Wells Fargo Statement balance: \$490,046.99, Outstanding checks - \$28,662.81, Adjusted balance - \$461,384.18.

Tabitha account: Statement balance - \$120,073.58. On Monday, \$60,000 was transferred out into the Operating account.

Kenan account: Statement balance - \$18,511.79. The Kenan money had been wired to the wrong account – the Tabitha account. Mr. Smith moved it back to the Kennan account and the money that needed to be moved to the Operating account occurred on Monday. The balance is now 100k.

Self-Help savings account: Statement balance - \$198,241.92 (our reserve account). If there are any excess funds at the end of the year, we will probably need to make a transfer back. That will be reviewed in July.

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

Mr. Smith presented the 2022-2023 proposed budget in detail with 210 scholars projected.

Mr. Smith asked for the Board to approve the 2022-2023 fiscal year proposed budget. Motion by Judge Mitchell and a second by Mr. McCoy with the understanding that they may have to come back in September with amendments.

Old Business:

Rev. Kenneth Hammond – Chairman of the Board 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.

Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the face covering policy as it currently stands for June/July (until the next vote) requiring every person in the building to wear a face covering, second by Mr. McCoy. Motion unanimously approved.

New Business:

Dr. Trixie Brooks – Head of School Building Walkthrough

Dr. Brooks shared about the improvement happening at GSA during the intersession break. Painting and touch up repairs are going on and some air conditioning units have been replaced.

Rev. Kenneth Hammond – Chairman of the Board BOD Officer Elections

The Board entertained nominations for Board offices.

Chairman – Judge Mitchell nominated Rev. Kenneth Hammond with a second by Mrs. Gore. Motion carries unanimously.

Vice-chair – Mr. Smith nominated Judge Dorothy Mitchell with a second by Mrs. Gore. Motion carries unanimously.

Secretary - Judge Mitchell nominated Mrs. Shelton Gore with a second by Mr. McCoy. Motion carries unanimously.

Treasurer - Judge Mitchell nominated Ms. William Smith with a second by Mr. McCoy. Motion carries unanimously.

Rev. Kenneth Hammond – Chairman of the Board Board Goals Possible Topics

Rev. Hammond presented topics for consideration. Dr. Brooks indicated they can be written into measurable terms. Additional topics mentioned: Extended Day, Student Council, Internal Board goals, Attendance, and Giving.

Dr. Trixie Brooks – Head of School Month in Review

Dr. Brooks shared the Month In Review. Our middle school scholars had a great time at the Sneaker Ball. Judge Mitchell commended staff for an outstanding job.

GSA had successful Field Days.

We had several ESL scholars exit (graduate) the program. One scholar exited the program in two years! We ended the year with kindergarten, 5th grade, and 8th grade graduations. These celebrations were well attended by families.

Forward Thinking

Dr. Brooks shared the upcoming events.

Judge Mitchell gave an update regarding Walter – a GSA graduate that just graduated from Woodberry Forest School. The Board gave Walter a card and gift card. He was very appreciative.

Our two other GSA graduates that attend Woodberry Forest are doing well.

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 7:16 p.m. with a second by Judge Mitchell.

Open Session:

A motion was made to go back into Open Session by Mr. Smith at 7:51 p.m. with a second by Judge Mitchell.

Adjournment

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

On July 18, 2022, the Board voted and approved via email to accept the face covering policy as it currently stands for July/August (until the Board meeting) requiring every person in the building to wear a face covering.