

Global Scholars Academy (GSA) Board Minutes
Tuesday, August 16, 2022
Held via Zoom at 6 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Kenneth Hammond at 6:00 p.m.

Open and Welcome

Rev. Kenneth Hammond read the resolution honoring Dr. James Johnson, Jr. for his years of service to Global Scholars Academy as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and gave comments of thanks. Each Board member shared their appreciation and commented on the impact Dr. Johnson has made to GSA. GSA staff members also commented on his dedication to the scholars, families, and staff at Global Scholars Academy. Dr. Johnson shared his gratitude to the Board members and staff of the school.

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, Dr. Tawannah Allen,

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

Non-Board Members Present via in person/Zoom: Dr. Trixie Brooks, Dr. John Hargrove, Dr. Amy Davis, Ms. Amy Noble, Mr. Chaz Holman, Ms. Tasha Lewis, Dr. James Johnson, Jr.

Agenda Approval

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

Review Minutes

The Board minutes from Tuesday, June 28, 2022, were unanimously approved following a motion by Judge Mitchell and a second by Mr. McCoy.

Standard Reports:

Academic Reports

Amy Noble – Executive Admin. Assistant Enrollment

Current enrollment stands at 215.

We have 19 EC students. Two of those are self-contained. Of the 19 students, 7 receive speech/language as a related service and 5 receive occupational therapy. Eight EC students only receive speech services. Two referrals in process.

Our EL department has 60 confirmed scholars and is serving 65 scholars.

Dr. Trixie Brooks – Head of School BOG Data

Dr. Brooks shared BOG data for 3rd grade. Comparing 2021 and 2022, the results are the very similar - 4 out of 24 are already proficient on the end of 3rd grade level test.

Tasha Lewis – 21st Century Director 21st Century Enrichment Programming

Ms. Lewis shared an update on the Extended Day Program. This year, we have a partnership with Superlative Club, Enrichment City, and Growga. They are providing programs in different age groups and interests. We are also working with area universities.

Dr. Brooks formally introduced and welcomed Dr. Davis to GSA.

Dr. Amy Davis – Dir. of Communications, Federal Programs, & Development 2022-2023 Grants and Fundraising Updates

Dr. Davis gave an update on the 2022-2023 fundraising tracker.

We have confirmed for the 2022-2023 school year: Tabitha Foundation, 21CCLC, Johnson & Johnson, and Kenan Charitable Trust.

Continuing Federal Grants - we applied for a math acceleration grant and a summer career programming grant. We received these grants!

We have submitted information for ESSER funds, and they have been approved.

Consolidated applications - due by end of August to be approved.

Safer Schools grant - putting together information for our proposal. Due August 30

Jimmie Johnson Foundation - to schools to assist with programs and instruction. Due by September 30.

We are applying for this grant as well.

Kirk McCoy – GSA Board of Directors Member Financial Reports

Mr. McCoy presented the June and July financial reports.

June 2022 - end of fiscal year - surplus of \$262k. Revenue came in slightly under projected.

July 2022 - first month of school year - not all of revenue comes in immediately due to waiting on final enrollment numbers.

Mr. McCoy gave the Wells Fargo Operating Account statement balance, the balance for Tabitha Foundation account, and the balance for Kenan Charitable Trust account for June and July, and the Self-Help quarterly report for the reserve account.

Judge Mitchell moved to accept the June and July financial reports as presented. Second by Mr. Smith. Motion carries unanimously.

Old Business:

Rev. Kenneth Hammond – Chairman of the Board Face Covering Policy

Judge Mitchell made a motion to accept the face covering policy as it currently stands until they see a need to change it 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 NCDPI Compliance Reminders - Summer Housekeeping

A memo came from DPI with compliance reminders.

Mr. Smith requested that our IT Director set up emails for all Board members. Then, use the GSA accounts only to communicate and put the emails on the GSA website.

Rev. Hammond will start sharing the Office of Charter Schools weekly newsletter with the Board.

Dr. Trixie Brooks – Head of School

Safety Report & Reunification

Dr. Hargrove and Ms. Noble attended the R.I.S.E. NC Center for Safer Schools conference. Dr. Brooks shared the slide about the desire for a reunification plan and creating a Safety Team at GSA. Ms. Noble presented information about the conference and also fielded questions regarding the Durham police officer's visit.

Judge Mitchell recommended we show parents before and after shots of safety improvements made upon the property.

Dr. Trixie Brooks – Head of School

Partnership with Sister Cities

Dr. Brooks shared how we are in conversation with a partnership with Sister Cities. Six schools in the US and 6 schools in Tanzania are forming a partnership. We have been invited to come together with a school to make use of digital technology - Drone Academy Training with the Tanzania Virtual Exchange Project. Our scholars would be involved in coding, engineering design principles, and entrepreneurship. We are very interested in this partnership to strengthen our cultural experiences and strengthen our global efforts.

Rev. Kenneth Hammond – Chairman of the Board BOD Seat

Mr. Smith moves to reaffirm Dr. Allen's Board seat, Second by Mr. McCoy. Motion carries.

Mr. Smith shared that GSA needed to add Rev. Hammond along with Mr. Smith to Wells Fargo Bank and the Self-Help Credit Union accounts as key executors, and add Mrs. Gore and our new bookkeeper, Beverly Sneed, to the accounts to conduct business on the banking side. Requested Board approval. The Board also has to have a copy of the resignation letter to present to the bank. Motion by Mr. Smith and a second by Judge Mitchell. Motion carries.

Official Board vote for the Dr. James Johnson, Jr. resolution. Judge Mitchell moved to accept the resolution as read by Rev. Hammond. Second by Mr. Smith. Motion carries.

Rev. Hammond asked if there is any public input - none.

Dr. Trixie Brooks – Head of School

Month in Review

Dr. Brooks shared the Month In Review.

Forward Thinking

Dr. Brooks shared the upcoming events.

Adjournment for Closed Session:

A motion was made by Mr. McCoy 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 7:17 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 7:53 p.m.