

GEORGE GERVIN PREP ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD 2801 E. Southern Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85042

MISSION

The George Gervin Prep Academy Governing Board's mission is to provide resources, which support student growth and development as well as preparation of the administrative staff and teachers that will allow them to successfully compete in the educational arena.

July 14, 2022 MINUTES

Members Present:

- Herb Jackson, Chairman
- Reggie Dye
- Michael Williams
- Norman Darkwa

Members Absent:

• No members were absent

Staff Present:

- Barbara Hawkins, Superintendent
- Milinda Crawford, Principal

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- No staff were absent
- 1. Call to Order: Virtual meeting called to order at 5:42P
- 2. Recited Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Call to Public
 - No representatives from the public.
- 4. Approval of Minutes
 - May 2022 Minutes were submitted for approval and acceptance.
 - Moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Darkwa to approve and accept the May 2022 Minutes. Motion approved 4-0.

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- 5. Action Items
 - This portion of the agenda was moved up to the front to ensure that these important items could be addressed in case Mr. Darkwa had to leave the meeting early.
 - The Board reviewed the SY 2023 budget.
 - Moved by Mr. Dye and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve and accept the GGPA SY 2023 budget. Motion approved 4-0.
 - The Board discussed and reviewed the planned school renovation projects submitted in the Superintendent's Report, due to the potential amount of dollars to be spent.
 - Moved by Mr. Dye and seconded by Mr. Darkwa to authorize the Superintendent to sign contracts for school renovations with Sun Eagle. Motion approved 4-0.
- 6. Principal's Report
 - Ms. Crawford walked through her pre-submitted report. Focus was on key highlights.
 - Enrollment is up, with projected SY 2023 enrollment currently at 188 students.
 - Mr. Dye asked what was driving the improved enrollment? Response: Our school mailer (several parents are walking into the school holding them), online reputation management and more positive reviews seem to account for the improvement.
 - Board members were encouraged to watch the YouTube videos at the links provided in the Principal's Report to help drive views and potential monetization.
 - Operational Performance Dashboard
 - GGPA has received "Does Not Meet" for a few measures but they are being or have been addressed.
 - Moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Dye to approve and accept the Principal's Report. Motion approved 4-0.
- 7. Superintendent's Report
 - Ms. Hawkins walked through the highlights of her pre-submitted Superintendent's report.
 - GGPA is adding a Director of Development and Growth position to focus on enrollment, grant writing and giving the principal the ability to attend external meetings to build relationships with other organizations.

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- 1. Mr. Williams asked if this position would be in place of an Assistant Principal position. Response: We think we have the responsibilities that would be held by an assistant principal covered with the Dean of Students, Principal, etc., and need to invest in our growth with this position.
- GGPA is evaluating systems and processes to make sure it can continue moving upward.
- Grades are expected towards the end of August and should be published in September.
- The BASIS partnership discussed in May is on hold for now. They are not quite ready, with much going on in their organization, including building three new buildings.
- GGPA is still looking for staff so the Board should keep their eyes and ears open for potential candidates.
- Leadership is pleased with where the school is right now and the progress that's being made.
- Mr. Dye asked if the new Arizona laws that allow parents to use vouchers at any schools would have any impact on GGPA? Response: Mr. Williams explained that there would not really be an impact, as those vouchers are meant for those in public schools to be able to use in Catholic schools, for example. GGPA is a charter school and charter schools are public schools.
- Moved by Mr. Dye and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve and accept the Superintendent's Report. Motion approved 3-0 (Mr. Darkwa had departed the meeting).
- 8. Financial Report
 - Ms. Hawkins walked through the pre-submitted financial report.
 - GGPA continues to remain profitable.
 - Ms. Hawkins reminded the Board that the Arizona school will at some point be charged for rent and Ms. Hawkins' time as it is able with improved enrollment.
 - The finance person in TX resigned, who did things for AZ. However they are currently working as a consultant to help transition.
 - The Balance Sheet and Income Statements look good, but June payroll is not yet reflected. GGPA will still be "in the black" after those costs are reflected.
 - There was discussion about the merits of becoming a virtual school at some point in the future and the Board agreed that this should be explored and considered.

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- Mr. Lumpkin asked about the AZ-Fed Revenue ESSER line item. Response: These are COVID related reimbursements and could possibly be used for substitute teachers if needed.
- Moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Dye to approve and accept the Financial Report. Motion approved 3-0.
- 9. Program Planning
 - No report.

10. Nominating

- There was no formal report, but Ms. Hawkins suggested a few potential candidates that she will vet and send forward before the September meeting.
- Mr. Jackson also has a potential candidate.
- We will try to expedite interviews and discussions on new candidates so new members could be included in the planned September retreat in San Antonio.
- 11. Procurement
 - No report

12. Special Events

• Chair and Superintendent noted that the Texas Board Meeting that this Board is planning to join will be September 15, 2022.

13. New Business

• None

Meeting adjourned: 6:22P.

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