

"Creating An Elite Learning Community That Eliminates Academic Barriers"

## Board Meeting Minutes November 17, 2022

## Members Present:

- Herb Jackson, Chairman
- Reggie Dye
- Michael Williams

## Staff Present:

- Barbara Hawkins, Superintendent
- Milinda Crawford, Principal
- Sharon Hampton-Vine
- Natalie Craig, Academic Coach
- Otis Frazier, Dean of Students
- 1. Call to Order: Virtual meeting called to order at 5:32P
- 2. Recited Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Call to Public
  - No representatives from the public.
- 4. Approval of Minutes
  - September 2022 Minutes were submitted for approval and acceptance.
  - Moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Dye to approve and accept the September 2022 Minutes. Motion approved 3-0.
- 5. Principal's Report
  - Ms. Crawford walked through the highlights of her pre-submitted report.
  - GGPA has officially received a B grade for 2022, as expected.
  - Returning staff received their 301-performance payout last week per our established policy.
  - Current enrollment is 168 with the goal still being 200. Early enrollment for kindergarten for the next school year has begun with almost half the class already on the list.
  - A structure was built to store the vans in the west parking area. There had been previous incidents of vandalism, and this should help prevent that. The structure will be paid for in full using ESSER III funds.

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- Ms. Hampton-Vine informed board members of the upcoming toy drive for GGPA's annual Christmas present give away and sought donations from board members for this event. Each present board member and Ms. Hawkins agreed to make donations.
- Ms. Craig presented the Annual Academic Plan and Curriculum Update
  - GGPA is using SAVVAS products
    - Math: En-Vision interactive learning tools
    - Reading: Open Court for K-5 and My Perspectives for grades 6-8
    - Science: Elevate Science
    - Social Studies: My World interactive tools for K-8
    - Imagine Learning for math and reading intervention and supplements
  - Nearpod is another interactive supplemental program made available
    - Flocabulary helps with academic vocabulary through music and activities
  - Galileo Benchmark Assessment for grades 3-8
    - To help with skills mastery in preparation for state assessments
  - Fast Bridge for K-3 helps identify where students may be struggling with reading
  - Ms. Craig does Data Dives with teachers to discuss standards and where to focus to improve.
  - Ms. Craig also attributes GGPA's success to consistency in math and reading curriculum in the various grade levels and using similar platforms across subjects.
  - This year's (2023) goal is 13.5 pts for proficiency in FAY scores.
    - It will be important to focus on moving children to improved levels of proficiency and be able to identify who needs help to achieve this goal
- Mr. Otis Frazier, Dean of Students, was introduced to and welcomed by the board. He began his new role in August 2022.
- Moved by Mr. Dye and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve and accept the Principal's Report. Motion approved 3-0.
- 6. Superintendent's Report
  - Ms. Hawkins walked through the highlights of her pre-submitted Superintendent's report, which also included a financial report.
  - Ms. Hawkins echoed her satisfaction with the B letter grade GGPA received, thanked Ms. Crawford, and noted that GGPA also came off the school improvement list for 2022. Our dashboard should be updated sometime after November 30 to reflect our latest results.
  - Ms. Hawkins also spoke of the continued need to increase enrollment and is still planning to hire a Business Manager to focus on this and compliance.
  - GGPA should consider the local AmeriCorps group for a pipeline of teachers to fill needs as they arise.

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- When the time comes for GGPA to renew its charter, it may consider phasing into high school education.
- The annual audit was completed in November, all financial accountability measures have been met, and GGPA is operating in the black with a reserve.
- Moved by Mr. Dye and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve and accept the Superintendent's Report. Motion approved 3-0.
- 7. Financial Report
  - Was covered in the Superintendent's Report
- 8. Program Planning
  - No formal report. The board was to have met with the GGYC board in late Nov/early Dec but was unable to. Plans are now to join the GGYC March 2023 board meeting when additional GGPA board members would be better able to attend. Ms. Hawkins will get the date of that meeting.
- 9. Nominating
  - No formal report, but Ms. Hawkins and Mr. Jackson are still identifying and recruiting board members.
- 10. Procurement
  - No report
- 11. Special Events
  - No report
- 12. Action Items
  - None
- 13. Other Business
  - None

Meeting adjourned: 6:30 P.M.

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