

GGPA Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2024



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 5:30P
- 2. Recited Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Call to Public**
 - No representatives from the public.
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - December 2023 Minutes were submitted for approval and acceptance.
 - Moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Dye to approve and accept the December 2023 Minutes. Motion approved 3-0 (Mr. Darkwa had not yet arrived).
- 5. Principal's Report**
 - Ms. Crawford walked through the highlights of her pre-submitted report.
 - Enrollment is currently at 159 students and continued efforts are being made to increase it.
 - Fifth through seventh grade students visited the state capital and represented the school in a very positive manner.
 - GGPA has had success hiring international teachers who are performing well and will consider hiring more. There are currently approximately 40 applicants.

- Ms. Crawford invited board members who are able to attend the Charters at the Capital event on Feb 27, 11A-2P.
- Mr. Jackson inquired whether the Charter Board was elected or appointed. Ms. Crawford replied that the board is appointed and seeking members with special education and English as a Second Language backgrounds.
- Moved by Mr. Dye and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve and accept the Principal's Report. Motion approved 4-0.

6. Superintendent's Report

- Ms. Hawkins walked through the highlights of her pre-submitted report.
- GGPA is projecting another B grade for the school year 2024 and will remain in good standing.
- GGPA continues to Meet Expectations for Financial and Operational measures.
- GGPA's challenge continues to be growth in enrollment. Student recruitment will be a primary focus for the new District Liaison for Growth and Development in 2024-2025 as GGPA needs to reach the 200-student level next year. This position will report directly to the Superintendent.
- GGPA has applied for an early renewal of its charter.
- There was discussion about the need to develop or find a niche for GGPA to differentiate itself from other schools. Potential ideas included early childhood development, career readiness, basketball feeder school, and/or financial education.
- Moved by Mr. Dye and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve and accept the Superintendent's Report. Motion approved 4-0.

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7. Financial Report

- No formal report, but Ms. Hawkins noted that some outstanding grants will make GGPA profitable.

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8. Program Planning

- No report

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9. Nominating

- The Superintendent and two board members had met or will be speaking with soon, a few candidates and will supply them with the board application and package for consideration.

10. Procurement

- No report

11. Special Events

- No report

12. Action Items

- None

13. Other Business

- Mr. Dye sits on the Executive Board of Central Christian Church, who has asked how it may be of service to GGPA.
- Ms. Crawford is familiar with Central Christian, having been a principal at a school that participated in its annual Mobilize project where it spends a weekend cleaning schools, painting, assembling playground equipment, planting gardens, etc.
- Ms. Crawford would be interested in that type of support, along with mentoring, tutoring, and identifying potential staff. Mr. Dye will convey that message back to Central Christian.
- Mr. Dye informed the board that he will be resigning from his board position in May 2024 when the school year ends and after five years of service.

Meeting adjourned: 6:22P.