

Gray Collegiate Academy Charter School Board Meeting

West Columbia, South Carolina

September 25, 2017

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1. Call to Order at 2:00 pm by Teresa Brazell. Members in attendance include Teresa Brazell, Jason Fields, Libbi Sheridan, Kim Seawell, Brett Marlow. Staff members present were Dr. Brian Newsome and Coach Adam Holmes. Pinnacle employees present were Mike D'Angelo, Todd Helms, and Traci Bryant-Riches, Mike Miller of San Cap CPA joined via telephone.
2. Public Notice: Posted.
3. Public Input: None
4. Mission Statement was read by Teresa Brazell
Gray Collegiate Academy will serve high school students in a safe, small setting who seek the opportunity and challenge of a rigorous curriculum, high academic standards, outstanding athletics while earning up to two years of college credit while in high school.
5. Adoption of Agenda Line #8 and #11 were moved to line # 7 and #8 to allow Dr. Newsome and Traci to leave early for a meeting downtown. Kim Seawell made a motion to adopt with these changes, Libbi Sheridan 2nd and agenda was duly approved.
6. Approval of the Minutes: Libbi Sheridan made a motion to accept, Jason 2nd and the board approved the minutes as written.
7. Principal's Report Dr. Newsome reported that enrollment was at 452. He reported that GCA had three Palmetto Fellow recipients last year and four have qualified for this year with more expected. The peer tutoring program is running well with 27 tutors. Last week, 23 students received tutoring services. The SAT workshop is scheduled for Thursday, October 5 in the school gym and the school-wide PSAT will take place October 11, 2017. The National Honor Society had 19 new inductees. Ms. Lovelace and Ms. Guerry have begun IGP meetings with junior and senior students and their parents. Ms. Guerry has received multiple compliments for attention to detail, knowledge and ability to interact with parents and students. The School Improvement Council met last Thursday. The focus of this year continues to be promotion and marketing. The second annual Halloween carnival is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24 from 6-8 pm. All funds raised will support the athletic banquet. "Today at Gray" facebook videos have begun and are source of information for parents. The pep rally was broadcast via Facebook live last week. Student Council is conducting a food drive to support hurricane victims.
8. Accountability and Compliance: There is a 3 pm meeting today with attorneys from all schools seeking to transfer to Erskine. The board was asked to review and comment on document to submit to Erskine by Thursday, September 28, 2017. It is anticipated that GCA will ask to speak to charter school board at the October board meeting.

Traci reported that the SC Charter School Alliance Conference is scheduled for November 14-16 and requested that board members interested in attending let her know.

School board elections will be held in October to fill one parent and one community position.

9. Financial Report: Mike presented a brief report via telephone as he has not had power for a week related to the hurricane. Cash on hand has increased from 520 to 615 thousand. The increase was related to closing on the loan for modular classroom with 1st Community. In line with expectations related to last year's low enrollment, there was a shortfall in revenue of \$6000 but a \$300 decrease in projected spending offset the loss. The loss for the month was \$652 for a YTD loss of \$44,000. However, enrollment has increased from 415 to 450 and the financials should pick up in the second half of the school year.

10. Athletic Report: Fall sports include volleyball, cross country, competitive cheer, and football. Coach Holmes reported on progress and successes of all fall sports. The football team is 3-2 and begins region play Thursday at Keenan. The tough non-region schedule has prepared the team to do well in region play.

Coach Holmes reported that Homecoming activities went well and Nia reed was elected Homecoming Queen. The efforts by Coach Dion and parents to organize awesome tailgating events prior to all football games was mentioned and recognized. There is no news to report on batting cages but a report will be given next board meeting. The trophy case has been ordered. The board discussed opportunities to create a cross country course on school property and the need to block access to the dirt trail at the rear of the property to prevent dumping of trash.

Coach Holmes also reported that the GVA buses are in the process of being wrapped.

11. Operations Report: deferred

12. Executive session: none

13. Adjournment: Kim Seawell made a motion to adjourn at 2:40, it was 2nd by Jason Fields and all board members agreed to adjourn.

Prepared and Submitted by Libbi Sheridan