

Approved by the Board of Directors on October 27, 2022

Mission Statement: *“We are a community of learners. We will do whatever it takes to learn. We are building a strong foundation by believing we can, working our plan, then feeling the power of success.”*

George Washington Academy
Thursday, September 29, 2022
4:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

Location:

Courtyard by Marriott
185 South 1470
St. George

The meeting will also be available through Zoom. Anyone interested in participating via Zoom conferencing can email Shannon Greer at sgreer@gwacademy.org for call-in information.

The Board Retreat was held after the Board Meeting.

The Board meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

Board Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer, President

Prayer: Jaycee

Pledge of Allegiance: TBD

Approval of Minutes: Kevin Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2022 meeting. Holly Myers seconded. Casey Unrein pointed out grammatical changes and made mention of the GoGaurdian vote which was passed unanimously which was not outlined in the notes. Kevin made a motion accept the minutes with the changes. Holly Myers seconded. The motion passed unanimously (Shannon Greer, Casey Unrein, Kevin Peterson, and Holly Myers. Shauna Mahoney and Jaycee Rogers abstained).

Board Members Present: Shannon Greer, Amanda Mortenson, Casey Unrein, Kevin Peterson, Blake Clark, Holly Myers, and Jaycee Rogers

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Steve Erickson, Debbie Kuavaka, Jocelyn Larkin, Chance Manzanares, Kari McCoy

Public Opportunity to Address the Board: None

Set time for adjournment: The time set for adjournment was 5:25 p.m.

Teacher Representative Report:

The student Lighthouse Team reported on their upcoming activities and the purpose of the Lighthouse Team.

Jocelyn Larkin reported on proficiency based grading and reported on the positive change with the language around grading. Students are less concerned about assignments going into PowerSchool and are always seeking to do their best. She reported that SEPs conferences are more student lead and the students are more excited to report their progress. Amanda Mortenson asked about concerns or areas of excitement around proficiency grading. Mrs. Larkin reported that she didn't have concerns, but was excited that all students will benefit from this new grading structure and feel successful.

Administration Report: Blake Clark, Executive Director, reported that all reports listed are complete. He reported on the student count as of September 29, 2022. He reported on Acadience data and expressed excitement about the growth that will take place this year. The third grade saw great success on the beginning of the year assessment. Casey Unrein asked about when the board would be able to look at math data. Blake Clark said that the paper data is being collected right now and the process has begun to make it shareable with the board. Casey asked about the student membership audit and when that takes place. October 1st is the date those numbers are taking place.

Financial Report: Spencer Adams, Business Administrator, reported that the August budget report is looking good. Local revenue is slightly ahead of where we should be due to more favorable interest rates. The state revenue is also slightly ahead of schedule. The federal lunch schedule will reflect on the next report. The line items in red on the budget detail report are expected back to school expenses. Line item 1920 Principal Discretionary will be removed from the budget detail report. Casey Unrein asked about students who had a lunch balance on their account (to be spent) and is no longer attending the school, what happens to their balance. Spencer reported that there are avenues for students to be refunded (bill.com). All the reports are complete.

Committee Reports (3 min each):

- **Policies Committee** – Blake Clark, the committee will update the procurement policy. They are reviewing policies 600-800. Kevin Peterson would like to re-visit the PTO policy regarding teacher's time off and the cost to the teacher for taking additional days off.
- **Finance Committee** – Nothing new to report.
- **Benefits Committee** – The committee met September 28, 2022 and made changes to the PTO policy. They are meeting again next week.

- **Curriculum Committee** – Shannon Greer reported that the committee did not move forward with the science curriculums that were evaluated last year. They are looking at new curriculums this year.
- **Outreach Committee** – Holly Myers reported that the committee met and had a good discussion about what the committee has done in years past and where they would like to go. They focused their discussion on the openings in 4th grade and how to get more students enrolled.
- **Technology Committee** – Nothing new to report.
- **LAND Trust Committee** – Nothing new to report.
- **PTO Committee** – Amanda Mortensen, reported that the PTO is concerned about teacher support with activities. Mr. Clark is going to send out a memo to teachers via e-mail. PTO discussed giving wristbands out at the fall fundraiser. Holly Myers pointed out that giving wristbands might not be the best use of funds as the fundraiser might not draw non-GWA students like the previous fall fundraisers have.
- **Board Development Committee** – Shannon Greer reported that in the board retreat, board members will brainstorm ideas for future trainings.
- **Campus Management Committee** – Nothing new to report. Blake Clark requested that the PTO establish what the upcoming fundraisers are and if they are affecting the property that the fundraiser is approved through the campus management committee.

Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Expenditures over \$5,000: None
- **2023-2024 Student Calendar:** Kevin Peterson made a motion to accept the student calendar for the 2023-2024 school year as outlined in the board packet. Holly Myers made a second. The motion passed unanimously. All Present Voted in favor: Shannon Greer, Amanda Mortenson, Casey Unrein, Kevin Peterson, Blake Clark, Holly Myers, and Jaycee Rogers
- **Salary Increase:** Casey Unrein made a motion to approve the salary increase as outlined in the board packet. Kevin Peterson made a second. Blake Clark reported that this increase occurred due to the school district re-publishing their pay schedules. Kevin Peterson reported that the finance committee has reviewed the salary increase and it is sustainable. The motion passed unanimously. All Present Voted in favor: Shannon Greer, Amanda Mortenson, Casey Unrein, Kevin Peterson, Blake Clark, Holly Myers, and Jaycee Rogers

Closed Meeting – *none.*

Reconvene

Next Meeting: The next regular Board Meeting will be held October 27, 2022 at 7:30pm.

Adjournment

The board meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Submitted by Jaycee Rogers, Board Secretary