

Approved by the board of directors on January 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, December 9, 2021
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: George Washington Academy
2277 South 3000 East
St. George, Utah
Library

The Board Training was held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Board Meeting.

The Board meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

Board Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer, President

Prayer: -

Pledge of Allegiance: Shannon Greer

Board Members Present: Shannon Greer, Blake Clark, April Paxton, Shauna Mahoney, Rachel Stewart, Casey Unrein, and Jaycee Rogers. Holly Myers attended via Zoom conference.

Board Members Absent: Kevin Peterson

Others Present: LaNessa Stevens, Steve Erickson, Linnie Lindsay, Christine Giles, Debbie Kuavaka, and Aubrey Johnson.

Approval of Minutes:

Casey Unrein motioned to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2021 board meeting as presented in the board packet. Shauna Mahoney seconded the motion which passed unanimously (all present voted in favor).

Public Opportunity to Address the Board: None

Set time for adjournment:

The time set for adjournment was 8:10p.m.

Teacher Representative Report:

Linnie Lindsay reported that last month 5 teachers attended PLC conference in Houston. The teachers returned excited to share new information with their colleagues. Linnie shared the highlights of the conference as told by the teachers. Teachers shared the challenge in education is to prepare students for jobs that haven't been invented. The staff should focus on helping students through assessments and teacher talk should be limited. PLC's are for teachers to improve their craft to benefit all students. Teacher teams need to be committed to shared data and do whatever it takes for all learners to succeed.

Christine Giles reported that there are new Promethean Boards in the classrooms. She reported that the boards are making a difference in instruction, especially in implementing the new math program. Christine also reported that the Leader in Me action teams are meeting monthly to empower students. She reported that teachers are being trained in new ways to implement the program. This year, the GWA gives back will focus on a student and students are helping decide the details of what that event will look like.

Administration Report: Blake Clark, Executive Director, reported that all December reports complete. Blake reported that the assistant director and he are going to go to Crimson View Elementary to learn about what they are doing to achieve high student assessment scores. Blake reported that the state superintendent highlighted 5 schools who overcame "learning loss" from the pandemic, and GWA was the only charter school.

Financial Report:

Spencer Adams, Business Administrator, reported that the budget is over 40% through the year and the finances are looking great and ratios are healthy. Revenues to expenses are in a good position. The state revenue, some allotment has been trued up. One line item that wasn't trued up was the local replacement fund (\$19,000 increase). He reported the budget should see an IDEA (funds only spent on SPED) increase. While there isn't a set amount determined, the discussion is possibly a \$100,000 increase. Spencer reported a few line items were adjusted in the finance committee and all reports have been completed.

Committee Reports:

- **Policies Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Finance Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Benefits Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Curriculum Committee** – LaNessa Stevens reported that a new math video was created to educate the parents on the new math curriculum.
- **Outreach Committee** – Holly Myers touched on the article in US News recognizing GWA as a top performing school.
- **Technology Committee** - Steve Erickson reported that over half of the promethean boards have been installed.
- **LAND Trust Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **PTO Committee** – Nothing to report.

- **Board Development Committee** – Shannon Greer reported there will be a Land Trust Training in January and Steve Erickson will have an Emergency Preparedness Plan to present in February.
- **Campus Management Committee** – Nothing to report.

Discussion and/or Action Items:

- **Expenditures over \$5,000--** None
- **Proposal for Board Action: Student Calendar 2022-2023 School Year:** April Paxton made a motion to accept the Student Calendar 2022-2023 School Year Calendar as presented in the board packet. Jaycee Rogers seconded. Shannon Greer expressed that teachers will follow this format this year, and will provide feedback. She explained that the calendar can be amended. The motion passed unanimously (all present voted in favor).
- **Proposal for Board Action: Outdoor Shade Replacement:** April Paxton made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement and installation through USA shade \$9,935. Casey Unrein seconded. April asked about the warranty claims—one page 10 days and one says 30 days from day of discovery of alleged defect. Blake Clark said he would clarify USA shade. Shannon Greer asked about the installation timeline. The installation was thought to occur possibly in the spring. Holly Myers asked if USA Shade only did the shade, not the structure. SeaGlass did the original installation, but the structure and canopy were a USA shade product. The motion passed unanimously (all present voted in favor).
- **Proposal for Board Action: TSSA Framework 21-22:** Casey Unrein made a motion to TSSA Framework 21-22 as presented in the board packet. Jaycee Rogers seconded. Casey asked whether the budget has already taken in account the TSSA Framework. Blake Clark said there is no need to change the line item. Casey asked whether this has been previously posted on the website. The response was this is the first year it will be posted on the website. The motion passed unanimously (all present voted in favor).

Closed Meeting – *none*

Reconvene

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

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by Jaycee Rogers, Board Secretary