

*Great Oaks Bridgeport Board Meeting*  
*Wednesday, September 11, 2019*  
5:30pm - 8:04 pm

**Board Members Present:** Susan Briggs, Pamela Fraser-Abder, Corey Sneed, Dexter Upshaw

**Board Members Absent:** Michelle Garcia, Christiana Otuwa, Albertha Brown, Leticia Sepulveda

**Foundation Members Present:** Michael Duffy, Ben Chan, Lauren Perkins

**GO-BPT Staff:** Latoya Hubbard, John Scalice

**Guests:** Gary Flocco (CORE)

**Called to order at 5:30 pm by Susan Briggs**

**Facility Updates (Gary Flocco CORE)**

- Gary Flocco gave an update on several punch list items.
- Gary noted now that students are in the building if the construction team cannot access the building the windows would not be completed until December. Gary made the request to be able to access areas that are not occupied by students during the day which would allow them to complete the work in 27 days.
- Gary noted workers in the building will have a specific color sticker for the building that they are working in. If they are working in Great Oaks School they will wear an orange sticker on their hard hat. School Staff Admin and Operations staff will monitor window workers while they are in the building.
- The Board recommended a notice going out to parents to let them know about the work being done in the building and protocol for workers.
- Gary informed the Board of changes made to the Bus drop off area. He confirmed Student Bus drop off will take place on Howard Avenue. Gary also confirmed additional staff parking will be made available on Railroad Avenue.
- Gary noted energy efficient structured fuel cells being put in to reduce energy costs.

**Principal's Report and Academic Excellence Committee Report (John Scalice)**

- John noted a lot of Joy and excitement from our students on day one.

- John noted teachers will be creating a Great Oaks Ambassadors Club through which students will be coached on how to answer specific questions from the community about our school.
- John shared an update on data growth scores.
- John noted major growth in Math and ELA confirmed by the CSDE which places our school at 6 out of over 410 schools.
- An update on Teacher certification was given to the Board. John noted we are currently on track to meeting the CSDE state guidelines for the percentage of staff required to be certified.
- John gave the Board an overview of the Tutor Model Revision. John noted major improvements in the new tutor model; specifically, the new push in model which allows tutors to give more real time tutoring in the classroom. This new model has also affected behavior in a positive way with very little behavior issues in middle school.
- John advised the board of the new Rosetta Stone Program (foreign language) for students.
- John shared a spotlight on Ms. Patrick and noted a project she worked on about the events of September 11th. She tied the lesson into school EPIC values.
- Academic committee noted they will be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at noon.
- The Board Walkthrough is scheduled for October 16th from 9am to 3pm.

#### **Director of Operations Report (Latoya Hubbard)**

- Latoya gave an update on student enrollment, noting efforts being made to reach our target number of 560 by October 1st.
- Latoya provided the Board with an update on building security
- Latoya reported that emergency drills will start end of September and will be held monthly.
- Michael Little will be working with Stamford PD and Bridgeport PD to facilitate safety training for staff.
- The Board discussed various options for front entrance security.

#### **Governance Committee Report (Susan Briggs)**

- Board Meeting Scheduled for 9th will be moved to Wednesday, October 16th.
- Governance Committee Meeting will be moved to Friday, October 11th.

#### **GO-Foundation Report**

- Michael Duffy advised the Board that on Thursday October 3rd the Foundation Board Meeting followed by a national service roundtable will be held here from 4pm to 5pm and at 5pm followed by a reception in the Art Room.

**Finance Committee Report (Corey Sneed)**

- Corey led a discussion with the Board and the GO-Foundation about the School's financial statements and changes that may need to be made to the Lease.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.