

Great Oaks Bridgeport Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
5:25pm - 7:35pm

Board Members Present: Susan Briggs, Pamela Fraser-Abder, Corey Sneed, Leticia Sepulveda, Brea Mangrum, Denise Carey, Dexter Upshaw

Board Members Absent: Michelle Garcia

GO-BPT Staff: Latoya Hubbard, John Scalice, Jessica Ramos-Mouning, Michael Little

Foundation Members Present: Ben Chan, Michael Duffy

Guests: Keyla Medina (Faith Acts), [husband]

Called to order at 5:25 pm by Susan Briggs

Review of Minutes from the January Board Meeting (Leticia Sepulveda)

- The board independently reviewed the January Board meeting minutes.
- Motion to approve the January board meeting minutes moved by Pam second by Corey and passed unanimously.

Finance Committee (Corey Sneed and Ben Chan)

- Ben gave the board an overview of the current financial status of the school and led the Board through the Fiscal Dashboard.
- Ben noted that the school is expecting additional grant funding in the coming months.
- Ben advised the Board that Lori from the foundation would be on site 3 to 4 days a week starting in March to provide financial support to the school.
- Corey noted the need to put in measures to better track purchases and John made the suggestion to add a line to the approval form that will track which budget line the purchase will be made from.

Director of Operations Report (Latoya Hubbard)

- Latoya provided an enrollment update
- Latoya reported a "soft open" of enrollment for next year
- Lottery will be open for grades 6-12 / 65 applications so far
- Need the most students for grade 6
- Latoya will give an enrollment update each month
- Marketing initiatives include ads on Facebook, posting on Instagram, mass postcard mailing, canvassing, community events (Claudia Phillips to assist), Caribe Partnership, and Open Houses (first one 2/27/2020)
- Shout out to Tiffani from the Foundation, who put the ads together for the School

- Door Decorating Contest for Black History Month - competition organized by Ayanna Brown for the teachers. Winner gets a pizza party.

Principal's Report (John Scalice)

- John gave the board an overview of the Network School's MidYear Audit.
- John highlighted improvements in student attendance and in school suspensions which has significantly decreased compared to this time last year.
- Audit was focused on classroom practices, rigor and engagement, climate and culture, operations.
- Components of the state walkthrough were, staff survey, leader meeting, classroom walkthrough, teacher meeting, parent meeting, leadership team meeting.
- General positive feedback from the state was noted as " I haven't seen this level of differentiation in any of the schools that I have been to" "It's like night and day, the difference is remarkable."
- General feedback on improvement and guidance include, "there needs to be more development around opportunities for parents to be involved more frequently"
- Pam suggested that the school create more opportunities for parents to come in and view student work, such as nights to display work and student success.
- Dexter suggested more opportunities for student talent to be showcased, which would be more of an incentive for parents to come to our school.
- John advised the Board that we have an upcoming Barr Foundation walk through on February 13th and 14th to review the High School Model Development.
- John also advised the Board that GOBPT is currently invited to the grant process for a 3 year cycle by the Barr Foundation.
- John shared a copy of the corrective action plan with the board and noted data points that indicate improvements and areas that indicate needs for improvements.
- Teacher spotlight on Ms.Rokas, who planned a special event around Social Justice through film. She brought in a special guest speaker to talk about capital punishment and the effect on minorities, followed by a field trip to see the movie Just Mercy.

Governance Committee Report (Susan Briggs)

- Susan noted we need to take a vote on the April Board meeting to decide if we should keep the same date or move the date in her absence.
- Pam also stated she may not be able to attend the April meeting as well.

Executive Session (evaluation of the Great Oak's Foundation's performance)

- Corey moved a motion to go into executive session second by Leticia passed unanimously
- Leticia moved a motion to move out of executive session second by Corey passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the Board meeting moved by Corey second by Dexter Upshaw passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.