

**GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 12, 2014**

Board Members Present: Allison Bhusrri
Amy Joseph, Mark Felton, Erin Niehaus, Joyce McMinn, Sue Shultes, Suzanne Schutte, Beth Berliner, Jennifer Tulley, Sharon Olken, Sapna Boze, Briana Zelaya, Adina Safer, Jackie Quella, Aaron White, Greg Grossman, Cynthia Billops, Valerie Toler, Therese Arsenault.

Board Members Excused:
Felix Chinchilla, Susan Masto, Laura Spivy, Julie Wise

Not present:
Katherine Welch

Also present:
Chris Hero, Janice Di Natale

1. Call to order, welcome, and approval of minutes from October 23, 2013 and November 20, 2013

Beth Berliner called the meeting to order at 5:10pm. She called for a motion to approve the minutes for January 2014. They were approved without issue.

2. Public forum

Beth then opened the floor for public forum. No further discussions or motions were introduced.

3. Trustee Committee

Jackie Quella recommended Lisa Kirkland to the Board as a new trustee. If approved, Lisa agreed to chair the Investment Committee going forward and also join development team. The recommendation is that the Board counts the rest of this year as her first complete year.

Beth called for a motion to approve Lisa as a new trustee. She was approved without issue. Lisa was welcomed and attended the remainder of the meeting.

Jackie reported that the committee has a prospect for audit committee. They continue to mine for connections to tech that have interest in education. They also continue to cultivate trustees and evaluate the list.

4. Executive Director's report

Sharon Olken introduced Michael Fuller and Shawna Gallo, the principal and assistant principal of GHS. They addressed the Board on Gateway's unique strategy of professional development (PD). Michael first described the weekly schedule and solution-oriented focus of PD. He outlined the addition of (PLC) Professional Learning Communities and explained how these units plan curricula together.

Michael and Shawna talked about the Common Core (CC). They reported that the new standards were meant to better prepare students for college and career. CC lines up with the GHS philosophy. Michael also talked about the importance of growth mindset and the work of Carol Dweck.

Jennifer Tulley thanked Michael and Shawna and made a plug for Board Visiting Day. The Board applauded.

Sharon briefed the Board on the Charter Renewal Process. The district has the charter. 3/1 and 3/5 the district will want to hear from members of community about why GPS matters. 3/11 will likely be the vote.

Sharon announced the upcoming college trips for GMS students: 6th graders go to USF, 7th grade to SF State, and 8th graders go Stanford.

5. **Finance Update**

Chris Hero walked the board through the recent financials and reported that the 990 was reviewed by Laura Spivy who recommended it for approval by the board. A motion was made to accept the 990 and it passed without issue. Chris then said that the Governor released the first budget proposal, which was more optimistic than we had hoped. It is the first time we have looked at a first draft of next years' budget that featured a surplus.

6. **Investment Committee**

Erin Niehaus reported that year to date returns cover the amount designated for operations from the investments.

7. **Development update**

Sue Schultes announced the Matters of the Mind Luncheon would be held on 10/16/14. Guest speakers would include David Kelley and maybe his brother, Tom. She feels we are in a good position to get corporate sponsors. She asked the Board to review corporate sponsorships from the past and the future.

Janice Di Natale talked about cash flow. She discussed the \$650K that has to be raised by June. She has identified 140 current or lapsed donors. Along with the development committee and campaign steering group (the latter to help tap into new prospects - Suzanne Schutte and Laura Spivey met to help form group) she feels confident we will reach the number. She outlined what she's done in last month and plans for the future. She spoke briefly on how to prospect using "LAI" - Linkage, Ability, and Interest.

8. **Adjourn meeting**

With no other business to conduct, Jennifer Tulley adjourned the meeting at 7:02PM.

Alan Bhumi 4/23/14