

Great Oaks – Wilmington
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: 11/2/2020

In Attendance:

Board Members Present: Jim Mazarakis, Erica Hitchens, Cathy Holloway, Rob Snowberger, Keria Broadnax, Stephanie Toronto, Rysheema Dixon, Kelly Firment

School Staff Present: Leland Kent, Damien Burke, Amanda Taylor, David Hogan, Jr., Kaitleen Gillis, Michael Williams, Samantha Dalli, Zoralis Ortiz, Samanta Lopez, Nikki Darden

Public: Tali Dunkley

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM.

Public Comments: None presented

October's Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Operations Report

Damien Burke presented the staffing updates for Great Oaks. Mr. Burke provided updates on learning pods, Operations trainings, and CTE course approval as it relates to funding,

Nikki Darden presented current enrollment and attendance numbers as it related to Unit Count.

II. Executive Director Report

Leland Kent presented on Great Oaks “wins,” including highlighting admin and teacher teamwork. Mr. Kent provided information on ways Great Oaks is helping to support disengaged students via the learning pods--CIT, the WAVE, and the Teen Warehouse. Mr. Kent also shared the school-wide health and safety measures for in-person learning pods.

II. Remote Learning Report

Leland Kent presented on behalf of Samanta Lopez, MS Principal. Mr. Kent shared the attendance update for middle school, highlights of Hispanic Heritage month, the start of “Foundation Fridays,” a new instructional tool called DESMOS, and provided updates on DPAS coaching.

Amanda Taylor, HS Principal, spoke about an increase of student attendance and the efforts involved from high school staff. Ms. Taylor spoke about the high school students who were recommended to the learning pods. Ms. Taylor also shared that HS students have Home Access Center logins so they can view their progress online. High School report cards are final and updated in the student's Home Access

Center. Ms. Taylor shared a slight change in the high school schedule. Driver's Ed has begun with 2-4 students driving per day led by new driver's ed instructor, Mr. Reuter. Lastly, Ms. Taylor announced that her Principal's license has transferred over from Pennsylvania to Delaware.

IV. Finance Report

Damien Burke provided the finance report and updates to the budget to reflect new enrollment numbers. Mr. Burke announced that CBOC meetings will be reinstated within the next two weeks.

Lastly, Jim Mazarakis made a Motion to Approve Web report: unanimously approved.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM and the Board moved into Executive Session.