

Great Oaks – Wilmington
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: 01/04/2021

In Attendance:

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

School Staff Present: Leland Kent, Kaitleen Gillis, Damien Burke, Samanta Lopez, Nathalia Joshua, Tamara Price, Michael Williams, Lacreacia Stewart-Henderson, Erin Sweet, Kaylah Urie, Madeline Ronga, Annette Roskam

Public: Nikki Darden

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

Public Comments: None

December's Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Operations Report: Damien Burke

Damien Burke presented updates on pods and their respective MOU extensions.

Operations are to run primarily from the 9th floor *effective 01/11/2021*

Recruitment and retention meetings being held with a focus on 8th and 11th graders: currently there are 26 new, active applications for the 2021-22 school year.

Recruitment efforts are being made for more Americorps members.

II. Finance Report: Damien Burke

Possibility of ending the 2020-21 school year breaking even instead of a deficit

In the process of trying to add a donation aspect on the new website.

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

III. Executive Director Report

Leland Kent spoke on a possible reconfiguration of eliminating any further sixth grade students as a response to the abundant K-8 schools in the area contributing to recruitment struggles.

Samantha Lopez talked about the advancement in the top 3 school goals: assessments (NWEA and DeSSA), teacher efficiency (increase of DPAS evaluations compared to last year) and communication.

Ms. Lopez stated how Great Oaks is realigning to appropriately meet DOE deadlines.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM and the Board moved into Executive Session.