

Great Oaks – Wilmington
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: 02/01/2021

In Attendance:

Board Members Present: Jim Mazarakis, Erica Hitchens, Cathy Holloway, Keria Broadnax, Stephanie Toronto, Michael Maxwell, Rob Snowberger

School Staff Present: Nathalia Joshua, Leland Kent, Damien Burke, Samanta Lopez, Tamara Price, Michael Williams, Kaylah Urie, Annette Roskam, Tomanise Chalmers, Lauren Bravo, Morgan Fabber, Alyson Moore, Zoralis Ortiz, Samantha Dalli, Michael Williams, Kendria Waltower, Jasmine Brown, Ashley Brown

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM.

Public Comments: None

January's Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Principal Report: Samanta Lopez

Top focuses for this school year are assessments, teacher effectiveness and family engagement

Assessments: Just completed MAP testing this week, 44 registered students for SAT diagnostic

Teacher Effectiveness: Informal walk through, building teacher and supervisor relations

Family Engagement: Just had family conferences, Home Access Center up and running

Amanda Taylor provided more insight on M. Williams and S. Meyers providing SAT prep until March 24 with the use of College Spring that will provide information we've never had access to before. Also, students will receive a test prep book and three practice SAT tests.

Samanta Lopez stressed the importance and high focus on student data collection.

II. Operations Report: Damien Burke

Forecasted to have 331 students for the FY22, we are budgeted at 334 students.

Applying for charter modification to add 12th grade and eliminate 6th grade.

Onsite staff have been receiving weekly COVID 19 tests.

A member of KUUMBAs Board has offered to offer CEB, KUUMBA and Great Oaks staff the vaccine.

Approved to be a student testing site, about 5 brief steps are left in the process.

Leland Kent spoke on the survey sent out to teachers to gauge their comfortability with coming back to the building. Damien Burke stated how about 15% of staff have provided doctor's notes to not work in person.

Recruitment efforts are being made for more Americorps members by reaching out to our Pods partners and their current volunteers/staff to gain their interest in our program.

III. Finance Report: Damien Burke

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

Expecting a large allotment of funds from the second round of ESER state funding. A committee will be formed on how to appropriately utilize this.

Motion made to approve web report: unanimously approved at 6:14 PM.

IV. Executive Director Report: Leland Kent

Staff recognition given to Jasmine Brown for her constant high spirits, hosting Honor Roll ceremony, running the Jr. Honor Society and book club afterschool.

Student recognition given to Janae Cirwithian for participating in WAVE and social change internship through Dual School.

Certification plan in place for all teachers with the support of the DOE, and all administrators are on track to be certified this year, two of six already are certified.

Robert Snowberger raised the concern of what the Board needs to do to ensure are trainings, certifications are in place to satisfy DOE requirements.

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