

**Great Oaks – Wilmington**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes: 03/01/2021**

In Attendance:

**Board Members Present:** Jim Mazerakis, Cathy Holloway, Kelly Firment, Stephanie Toronto, Erica Hitchens, Rysheema Dixon, Michael Maxwell, Robert Snowberger

**School Staff Present:** Nathalia Joshua, Leland Kent, Damien Burke, Samanta Lopez, Tamra Price, Karlin Larkin, Lacreacia Stewart- Henderson, Lauren Bravo, Courtney Lykins, Deanna Holmes, Calvin Samuel, Kelsie Lozada, Surrell Holley, Samantha Dalli, Kaylah Urie, Morgan Sagan, Madeline Ronga, ArenRenae Hamer, Alisa Vidwans, Amanda Taylor, Morgan Fabber, Priyanka Nachane, Zelphair Grant, Erin Sweet, Tomanise Chalmers, Kaitleen Gillis, Alyson Moore, Ashley Brown, Julia Wilks, Annette Roskam, Jasmynn Brown, Jamal Tate, Shana Roberts, Amani Young, Zoralis Ortiz, Michael Williams, Ricki Hernandez, CYonna Henry, Kendra Giardinieri,

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

Public Comments: None

February's Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously at 5:34 PM.

I. Principal Report: Samanta Lopez

CB42 requires teachers to still have initial goal setting and some sort of observation. We are all in compliance with DDOE as teachers have had at least one observation.

Partnership with LincSpring to provide teachers resources and to assist with teacher reflections of their own teaching efforts.

Providing constant communication via weekly newsletters, daily robocalls and teachers following up with disengaged students

Instructional leadership team has been working on analyzing MAP trends and ways this data could manifest in the content

All teachers are fully aligned with DDOE changes and timelines for the current school year

II. Operations Report: Damien Burke

Budgeted at 334 students for next school year

Each home will receive a phone call to determine intent to return to GO next year

Jim stated that the state is considering a mid year count, which is beneficial to GO as we have had students on the DNC list become re-engaged.

DEEDs update: ~34% of teachers have a standard certification, ~30% have an emergency certification, 16.2% teachers are missing and 21.6% have certification applications pending. There are teacher level plans in place to move everyone towards standard certification

There are plans in place for the significant sum of 21st Century funds left over; want to amend and use the 21st Century for learning pods and summer programming.

39% of the 318 students have responded to the survey of willingness to return to in-person instruction this year: 43 MS students want to return, 29 HS students want to return

### III. Finance Report: Damien Burke

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

~98% of revenue has been received for the school year, ~58% spent so far for the year

Projected surplus of about \$55, 000

For the expected ESSER funding there is a committee forming

Damien to provide detailed report on Great Oaks Foundation reimbursement of “tutor salaries”

### IV. Executive Director Report: Leland Kent

Highlighted student Karma Davis for her superb work and played her poem *Hard Work*.

Teacher acknowledgement of Michael Williams for his dedication to connecting with our families.

Plan to submit reconfiguration/ modification to DOE by March 12.

School Reopening plan: teachers will return back to school on March 8, students expected to return on March 29, staff test weekly for COVID 19, student testing to begin soon with students in the learning pods to determine best practices for when more students return.

Multiple training opportunities are being offered to Great Oaks: DASL is offering to provide assistance with re-aligning our vision and mission, DASL is offering to provide Board training assistance, DCSN is offering to provide Board training assistance at no cost, IARET is offering to provide training on equitable organizational change within a school setting.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM and the Board moved into Executive Session.