

Great Oaks – Wilmington
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: 04/12/2021

In Attendance:

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

School Staff Present: Nathalia Joshua, Leland Kent, Damien Burke, Samanta Lopez, Tamara Price, Courtney Lykins, Surrell Holley, Samantha Dalli, Madeline Ronga, Amanda Taylor, Morgan Fabber, Priyanka Nachane, Tomanise Chalmers, Kaitleen Gillis, Alyson Moore, Annette Roskam, Michael Williams

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

Public Comments: None

February's Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously at 5:43 PM.

I. Principal Report: Samanta Lopez

Multiple assessments underwent in March, 73% of Juniors completed the SATs and 80% of Juniors completed the DeSSA History exam.

For middle school, assessments will be the main focus in May.

70% of novice teachers' observations have been completed. About 50% of experienced teachers have been observed. April 27 is the date that Great Oaks plans to have all teachers evaluated.

March 31, report cards were completed in time for Family- Teacher conferences on April 1.

Amanda noted that from the first diagnostic to the second diagnostic of the PSAT given to juniors, the average score increase was about 5 points.

Amanda also stated that in the PSATs, quite a few students scored in the 1100s range.

II. Operations Report: Damien Burke

Great Oaks continues to partner with WAVE with 2 high school pods and initiated summer planning.

Middle School is on the 9th floor, WAVE is on the 8th floor.

Teen Warehouse, potentially use the space on Fridays.

CIT and Great Oaks partnership to continue with CIT leaders to potentially come to the CEB more often.

40 students are now in hybrid learning with 50 being the goal next week and about 75 students by the end of the year.

Samanta noted how she and Tamara Price have been making individual calls to families to answer questions, get their feedback and explain safety protocols.

Kaitleen Gillis has commented how 3 families have already reached out to her expressing gratitude about their students returning to in person classes.

CEB safety video was shared with the Board on their COVID 19 protection measures.

100% of teachers and staff have tested negative for the month of March.

Shoutout to Kendria Waltower for running some of the COVID 19 test processing alongside Nurse Davis!

Seeking Board involvement with summer plans.

III. Finance Report: Damien Burke

Motion made to approve February web report: unanimously approved at 6:07 PM.

Seeking Board involvement with plans of ESSER 2 and ESSER 3 funding.

65% of funds for expenses have been allocated by now.

Continued projected surplus for the end of the year.

IV. Executive Director Report: Leland Kent

April student spotlight: Shad Boston- Williams, 8th grader

April teacher spotlight: Surreal Holley, 6th and 7th grade ELA

Board to increase from 9 to possibly 12.

Board nomination: Angela Harvey- Bowen

Board accepted the nomination unanimously at 6:31 PM.

CSAC schedule has been shared with the board with April 27 @ 1PM is Great Oaks' first virtual hearing.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM and the Board moved into Executive Session.