

Great Oaks – Wilmington
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: 06/14/2021

In Attendance:

Board Members Present: Jim Mazerakis, Rysheema Dixon, Keria Broadnax, Angela Harvey- Bowen, Stephanie Toronto, Cathy Halloway, Kelly Firment

School Staff Present: Nathalia Joshua, Leland Kent, Damien Burke, Samanta Lopez, Tamara Price, Tomanise Chalmers, Annette Roskam, Ricki Harnandez, CaDeidra Jarmon

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

Public Comments: None

May's Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Principal Report: Samanta Lopez

Ended the SY20- 21 remote.

Student celebrations were hosted virtually due to inclement weather:

About 85 participants in the 6th and 7th grade moving up ceremony.

There were over 130 participants at the 8th grade graduation.

Driving instruction to be carried out during the summer to catch up on students who were previously enrolled in Driver's Ed.

All state and internal testing has been completed, the Instructional Leadership Team has begun analyzing data to make improvements.

New teacher interviews are underway as Middle School has 2 open positions and High School has 6 open positions.

Great Oaks is offering numerous summer opportunities from June 21- July 30 including extended school year (ESY), credit recovery through Groves, Accelerated Academy for both MS and HS, Network Connect and GO Futures Leadership Program.

Great Oaks is expecting 42 middle schoolers, 44 ninth graders and 25 tenth plus eleventh graders combined.

CaDeidra Jarmon provided a more in depth look into what the GO Futures Leadership program would entail including the 6 weeks that have their own theme (literacy, art exploration, career exploration,

healthy communities, social and civic engagement and finally self care). At the end of each week there will be a community centered event.

II. Finances Report: Damien Burke

Web report approved unanimously at 6:09pm.

Great Oaks has received ESSER III funds.

CSP reimbursement from the Great Oaks Foundation will fall in line for the next school year budget.

GOWilm has until June 30, 2022 to spend ESSER money.

Follow up to get the ESSER spending committee up and running.

Applied for the RPL grant for high quality instructional materials (HQIM) with a focus in mathematics.

IV. Executive Director Report: Leland Kent

Shined on all the graduating 8th graders.

Highlighted Keria Broadnax for being a parent, Board member and COVID Aide. She jumped in to support in numerous ways.

Great Oaks modification was approved with conditions. Listed below:

- On or before July 1, 2021 the school submits a plan for at least 65% of Great Oaks teachers to become fully licensed and certified in their correct content area by September 1, 2021. This will include a plan for each individual unlicensed and/or uncertified teacher currently employed by the school. The certification must be held in the content area in which they are teaching and for the group of students for which they are assigned. Great Oaks is to be reminded that the only exception to full licensure and certification is for areas where there is no “qualified alternative certification.”
- On or before July 1, 2021 the school must submit a full recruitment plan for the 2021-2022 school year.
- On or before the last day of each month the school must submit monthly updates on recruitment and enrollment through September 30, 2021.
- On or before October 31, 2021 the school must submit a budget demonstrating financial viability based on September 30 unit count.
- On or before April 1, 2022 the school must demonstrate 80% enrollment (260). Should enrollment fall between 80% and 90%, the school must submit a budget demonstrating financial viability based on the April 1, 2022 count.

Leland thanked everyone for successfully supporting Great Oaks as we completed year one with the new administration.

Mr. Kent has officially completed all requirements for principal/ superintendent certification.

June 14 was also the first day of the staff retreat as it was facilitated by Dr. Kathy Denhardt. Staff had the opportunity to bond and have free flowing conversations.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm and the Board moved into Executive Session.