

Great Oaks – Wilmington
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: 12/06/2021

In Attendance:

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

School Staff Present: Leland Kent, Samanta Lopez, Nathalia Joshua, Tamara Price, Bonita Turner, Keria Broadnax, Tomanise Chalmers, Michelle Lambert, Morgan Fabber, Madeline Ronga, Larcia Stewart-Henderson,

Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 PM.

Public Comments: None

November's Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Head of School Report: Samanta Lopez

Reinstated Kickboard to track both positive and negative behaviors. Students are receiving rewards to motivate them to do well. Mr. Ross planned a trip to take about 60 High School students to see the King Richard film as an incentive for doing well on Kickboard.

In Middle School, if you are doing well on Kickboard, you will be entered into a raffle for Manga books.

45 Middle School students and 42 High School students are on the Honor Roll with activities being planned for them.

Currently in marking period 2, report cards have been distributed.

School calendar has been adjusted to account for staff mental health days and days for teachers.

Partnering with the Achievement Network to look at ways to improve GO Wilms equity in the administrator team.

Holiday gathering is being planned for December 17, 2021. All are invited to attend.

II. Finance Report: Michelle Lambert

Year to date as of October 31, 2021.

Facilities and maintenance are budgeted on track, support staff is running slightly below budget and transportation is high but only because companies charge all of their fees early in the school year.

Trending slightly under budget overall.

Michelle Lambert and Leland Kent do intend to scrub the budget soon to amend the budget as currently it may be inaccurate.

Web Report approved unanimously.

III. Executive Director Report

Recruitment team has already begun reaching out to select schools in the area to present at High School Fairs and engage with students directly.

More staff are participating in civic and community events.

Highlighted Ms. Waltower and teachers for volunteering after school and running countless afterschool programs.

This is the first year that Great Oaks has a full, competing basketball program with games already scheduled by our newest Athletic Director, Matt Backer.

Parent University to return next month in January in collaboration with Board Member, Kelly Firment.

We are still testing weekly on Tuesdays through Quidel. We've had plenty of weeks in which there were no new COVID positive results.

We have two new language teachers, Ms. Pino teaching Spanish I- III and Mr. Augustine who is our newest French teacher and also a native from Cameroon.

Antoinette Capri, reliable parent of 10th grader David Stevens, member of the CBOC, has been recommended to join the GO Wilm Board.

The Public Meeting adjourned and the Board moved into Executive Session.