

**Great Oaks – Wilmington**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes: 01/18/2022**

In Attendance:

**Board Members Present:** Jim Mazarakis, Cathy Holloway, Rysheema Dixon, Stephanie Toronto, Erica Hitchens, Antoinette Capri, Angela Harvey- Bowen

**School Staff Present:** Leland Kent, Samanta Lopez, Nathalia Joshua, Michelle Lambert, Tamara Price, Bonita Turner, Keria Broadnax, Tomanise Chalmers, Morgan Fabber, Lacrcia Stewart- Henderson, Markisha Harris, Brenda Amaya, AIjhane White, Iris Perez- Mazariegos, Morgan Fabber, C’Yonna Henry, Priyanka Nachane, Kendria Waltower, Ameenah Muhammad

**Public:** None

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

Public Comments: None

December’s Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Head of School Report: Samanta Lopez

GO Wilm is fully remote until January 28th, then given COVID numbers, admin will reconvene to discuss next steps.

Teachers have been utilizing Google Classroom and Zoom for classes and assignments.

Professional Development was had by teachers to discuss best practices around virtual teaching and learning.

During walkthroughs, extra focus on student attendance and student engagement.

DPAS is undergoing, currency GO Wilm is in the announced observations.

Shoutout to the Culture Team for their level of involvement even in virtual classrooms. They have been providing extra support to teachers and students, as well as constant communication with families throughout the day.

Kudos to Stephanie Toronto for coming in and hosting a PD session for the teachers. Also, kudos to Robert Snowberger and Angela Harvey Bowen for their donation towards the GO Wilm holiday celebration.

## II. Finance Report: Michelle Lambert

Both November and December 2021 finance reports were completed and able to be discussed.

Michelle Lambert and Leland Kent will be working together this week to discuss what needs to be amended in the budget.

About \$500,000 hit based on the preliminary budget vs the funds allocated by the state given the September 30th Unit Count.

Amended budget plan to be discussed by the next Board meeting with a viable plan.

## III. Executive Director Report

Joseph Ross, HS social studies teacher, has been selected by administration for the Charter School's #BestForMe campaign led by Kendall Massett. A link of his video will be posted on the Great Oaks website.

Enrollment is currently at 294 compared to the 285 from the September 30 count with 22 current applications, open house tours, 8th grade shadow days, weekly recruitment meetings and coordinating with local Middle Schools to present at their High School fairs.

Goal to recruit a minimum of 100 students to replace the estimated 60 students that will be graduating, moving on.

Last year we were 84% compliant, this year we are aiming at being much higher given all the changes and corrections that were made.

The Community Education Building was awarded a Stop the Violence grant that they plan to utilize to help support the Great Oaks community.

Staff highlight is Mrs. Amani Young for her strong relationships with our students, as well as her strong reliability!

A video clip was shown of the Great Oaks boy's basketball team in their first year of competing in the DIAA league.

The Great Oaks girl's cheerleading team is being recognized for being invited to compete in the Nationals in Dallas, Texas.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm and the Board moved into Executive Session.