

**Great Oaks – Wilmington**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes: 02/07/2022**

In Attendance:

**Board Members Present:** Jim Mazarakis, Rysheema Dixon, Stephanie Toronto, Antoinette Capri, Angela Harvey- Bowen, Robert Snowberger, Kelly Firment,

**School Staff Present:** Nathalia Joshua, Leland Kent, Samanta Lopez, Michelle Lambert, Tamara Price, Keria Broadnax, Morgan Fabber, Markisha Harris, Aljhane White, C'Yonna Henry, Priyanka Nachane, Kendria Waltower, Madeline Ronga, Ashley Brown, C'Yonna Henry, Taswir Davis, Priyanka Nachane, CaDeidra Jarmon

**Public:** None

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

Public Comments: None

January's Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Head of School Report: Samanta Lopez

Full remote has been extended to February 15th for all students.

Marking period 3 has begun with every student receiving a copy of their report card. With families having access to HAC on February 10th to review student grades with conferences happening virtually on the 10th and 11th.

DPAS virtual observations have been happening so far.

Preparing for mid year PLCs to align with forecasted state testing.

GO Wilm has on-boarded a new chemistry and French teachers that have already begun decorating their classrooms ahead of the students returning.

Planning for mid- year NWEA testing.

Have increased family communication through the use of Remind, robocalls and mass emails.

Any student in danger of failing will receive a Success Plan that has been curated by the guidance counselors, SPED department and Culture.

Black History Celebration/ HBCU Spirit Week will be a transformation of the hallways to include a timeline of important events, biographies of significant people of color, information about each of the HBCUs and a wall where students will be able to post their random acts of kindness that they have committed.

## II. Finance Report: Michelle Lambert

The budget has been scrubbed and amended with the assistance of the GO Wilm administration to successfully create a viable budget.

The impact of having less students than expected led to a major decrease in revenue.

Ending fund balance higher than the mandatory statewide 3% contingency.

The proposed updated budget was approved unanimously.

## III. Executive Director Report

CaDeidra Jarmon and Kendria Waltower presented on recruitment. With 29 student applications and currently at 294 enrolled students.

Focused on recruiting 100 students by in person info sessions, zipcode expansion for mailers, door knocking and direct relationships with the school leaders or nearby middle schools. Student enrollment is the main focus up until April 1st, for the DOE unit count.

Leland Kent has been in contact with school leaders of the other Great Oaks' school and will be making trips to their respective schools to learn more about best practices.

On February 17th is national Random Acts of Kindness Day that GO Wilm will be participating in, in which all participants are committing to doing 5 random acts of kindness.

We have close to 90% of teachers now that are certified, which is well above the CSAC condition of 65%

Staff is focused on accountability, implementing systems that were not in place, professionalism and outreach to our families to ensure that the lines of communication remain open.

Staff highlight to Amani Young, 9th grade english, as she is currently out due to just have a baby boy!

Student highlight is for the whole Cheer team as they have travelled to Dallas, Texas for competition and placed 6th in this national competition!

GO Wilm has a new sports website that was created entirely by our new Athletic Director, Matt Backer.

The Public Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm and the Board moved into Executive Session.