

Great Oaks – Wilmington
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: 03/07/2022

In Attendance:

Board Members Present: Jim Mazarakis, Rysheema Dixon, Angela Perry, Kelly Firment, Cathy Holloway, Erica Hitchens

School Staff Present: Nathalia Joshua, Leland Kent, Samanta Lopez, Michelle Lambert, Tamara Price, Keria Broadnax, Markisha Harris, Sonya Curtiss, Brenda Amaya, C'Yonna Henry

Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

Public Comments: None

February's Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Head of School Report: Samanta Lopez

The main areas of focus are instruction and student engagement.

Professional Development will be focused on collaboration and continuation of current students into the next school year. As well as PLCs being connected to assessments and the learning walk that was done with the Achievement Network.

An observation from the instructional walkthroughs include a significant increase in student participation and engagement.

March is the testing month with ACCESS testing occurring first, MAP ELA, MAP Math, SATs and any make ups.

The GO Wilm sports website is up and running with upcoming track meets and baseball games happening now!

Cheer Team won first place in the state championship!

There was a luncheon hosted for Middle School and for High School for the students who made the honor roll!

Great Oaks is partnering with the CEB advocacy team to set up a Career Fair in May.

II. Finance Report: Michelle Lambert

We are 58% into the budget year.

Once ESSER amendments are made, expenditures will be reallocated to occur from federal funds.

Expenses are running slightly under budget.

Web report was approved.

III. Executive Director Report

Secretary Cardoza gave schools and daycares the option to determine how they'll move forward in regards to masking. Great Oaks has decided to continue masking, in alignment with the rest of the Community Education Building, unless the COVID numbers improve and/or vaccination numbers increase.

GO Wilm Board to potentially return in person for April's meeting.

The Board is invited for a "Spring Walkthrough" in April. A further date will be shared soon.

Currently, we have 290 students, with 61 graduating seniors and 37 applications for next year. Great Oaks needs 260 students by April 1 to remain in compliance.

Potential partnership between the Groves and the CEB to have a night school in order to better assist the needs of our community. This will be the first Groves site in the city of Wilmington.

In the future, Great Oaks is looking for a person whose only focus is the recruitment of students and staff all year long.

Following up with the Connecting Generations mentoring group, currently we are looking for a School Coordinator to officially get this partnership launched.

This month's student shoutout was for Marlando Frederick! A current senior athlete, who was a founding student as well as an honor roll student!