

Great Oaks – Wilmington
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: 05/09/2022

In Attendance:

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

School Staff Present: Nathalia Joshua, Leland Kent, Samanta Lopez, Tamara Price, Michelle Lambert, Tomanise Chalmers, Keria Broadnax, Markisha Harris, Morgan Fabber, Joe Ross, AlJhane White, C'Yonna Henry

Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM.

Public Comments: None

April's Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

I. Finance Report: Michelle Lambert

Budget through March 31, 2022 where 75% of the budget has been elapsed is what is being reported on.

Operating at a current surplus, but expected to have a deficit come April expenditures.

Web report approved unanimously.

II. Principal Report: Samanta Lopez

Shared highlights of Teacher's Appreciation Week which included Cinco de Mayo celebration, breakfast for staff, letters/cards from admin, raffles and so much more!

Shout out for students doing well on kickboard and earning a substantial amount of points that could be redeemed for prizes.

In the process of finalizing Summer Enrichment opportunities. Not only will there be academic time, but also camping opportunities, outdoor activities, credit recovery, the team has truly thought and considered outside of the box ideas.

Chaperones needed for prom and graduation for the seniors, also for the 8th grade dance!

In the final round of DPAS observations, pushing all teachers to encourage student voice.

To celebrate the seniors, the school hosted a College Signing Day which included the seniors parading through the halls in front of the other students with their decisions displaced.

The Community Education Building is hosting a College/Career Fair that will not only be open to Great Oaks students, but to families and other community members.

III. Executive Director Report: Leland Kent

The University of Delaware has committed to inviting all seniors who graduate with a 2.5 gpa or higher to attend their SEED+ program for no charge.

Great Oaks National Honors Society had 14 members and recently just inducted 6 more students.

We have been selected as 1 of 4 schools to participate in a parent engagement initiative with the first “camp” session being held on May 24th.

We are currently at 265 students. We have submitted a budget for 255 to the DOE and CSAC, it has been reviewed and accepted.

Still looking to recruit about 40 more students for FY23.

GO Wilm has partnered with the CEB for a Stop the Violence grant along with KUUMBA. With the grant we hope to get more student advocates like the current one we have, Tremaine Smith.

In the process of solidifying trades and getting our own in house program running.

Special shoutout to the Americorps Fellows who have worked with our middle schoolers this year! We plan to have 12-14 fellows with just 1 lead.