

Gate City Charter School for the Arts

Board of Trustees Meeting Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 21, 2017

Time: 6:45 PM

Location: 7 Henry Clay Drive, Merrimack, NH

Voting Board Members in Attendance:

Bill Spinelli (Chairman)

Peter Bonaccorsi (Vice Chairman)

Jenny Hitzeman (Parent Representative)

John Keicher (Treasurer)

Kim Rivers (Director)

Rebecca Fredrickson (Director)

Jay Lustig (Director)

John Balcom (Director)

Tom Tyler (Secretary)

Non-Voting Board Members in Attendance:

Karin Cevasco (School Director)

Absent Board Members:

Eric Drouart (Director)

Attending Gate City Staff:

None.

Attending Public:

One member of the general public was in attendance.

Quorum: 9 of 10 voting members were in attendance at the start of the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 6:52 PM.

Public Comments

None.

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Approval of Minutes

MOTION (Bonnacorsi/Hitzeman): Motion to approve minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously (9/0/0).

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Finance Committee Report

MOTION (Bonnacorsi/Lustig): Motion to approve the financials as presented.
Motion passed unanimously (9/0/0).

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Old Business

Exit Interviews – Peter Bonaccorsi

Peter Bonnacorsi (Chair HR & Policy) described the exit interview and the process for moving forward with online exit interviews.

MOTION (Hitzeman/Keicher): Motion to accept the exit interview questions with typo corrections as noted in the meeting. Motion passed unanimously (9/0/0).

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Parent Teacher Action Committee

Jenny Hitzeman provided an overview of the PTAC.

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Highlights:

- The School Playground GoFundMe account is making great progress toward our goal, and is trending on Facebook. Additional funds are being pledged by direct donation to the school.

Curriculum Committee

Kim Rivers gave an update of the Curriculum Committee.

Highlights:

- The curriculum communications survey was sent and we are awaiting results.

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HR and Policy Committee

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Peter Bonaccorsi gave an update of the HR and Policy Committee.

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PR and Marketing Committee

Rebecca Fredrickson gave an update of the PR and Marketing Committee.

Highlights:

- Upcoming Open Mic Night at River House Café.

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Grants Coordination Committee

Bill Spinelli gave an update from the Grants Coordination Committee.

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Endowments Committee

Jay Lustig gave an update of the Endowments Committee.

Highlights:

- There will be overlap and potential conflict with fundraising efforts, and we need to coordinate carefully.
- Chamber involvement will be a priority of this committee.

Director's Report

Karin Cevasco (Executive Director) provided an update on activities in the school.

Highlights:

- In addition to items in the written report, we are participating in the "Come Back Kitchen Tables" project, a part of City Arts Nashua.

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MOTION: (Rivers/Hitzeman): Motion to approve the Director and Committee reports as written. Motion Passed 8/0/1.

New Business

2017-18 School Calendar

Karin Cevasco (School Director) discussed the proposed 2017-18 School Calendar.

Highlights:

- Wednesday afternoon “early release” will be replaced with instructional time, as preferred by staff and parents.
- With the proposal, the first day is August 29, the last day is June 14.

MOTION: (Hitzeman/Balcom): Motion to approve the proposed School Calendar for 2017-18, with the omission of the extended kindergarten enrichment. Motion passed unanimously (9/0/0).

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Jay Lustig and Bill Spinelli discussed good information gleaned from attending the Best Practices 2017 event, presented by the New Hampshire Alliance for Public Charter Schools.

MOTION: (Bonaccorsi/Rivers): Motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously (9/0/0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.