



Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday January 13, 2016 at 5:15 PM

Location

Great Oaks Bridgeport - 2nd floor conference room

Directors Present

Dexter Upshaw (remote), Ed Farrow, Pamela Fraser-Abder, Susan Briggs, Tamara Smith

Directors Absent

None

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

Dexter Upshaw

Guests Present

Albertha Brown, Dianna Yeung, Jean Lombardi, Monica Maccera Filppu, Rashaun Reid, Rick Iandoli, Shana Hurley

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Ed Farrow called a meeting of the board of directors of Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport to order on Wednesday Jan 13, 2016 at 5:20 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Pamela Fraser-Abder made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 12-09-15 Board Meeting on 12-09-15.

Susan Briggs seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Report from the Executive Director

A. Review December Dashboard

Board members reviewed the December school data dashboard. The discussion centered on the roll out of a revised positive behavior intervention system, EPIC Shout Outs.

B. Spotlight on Culture

Director of School Culture Albertha Brown joined the board to discuss trends in school culture. Members reflected on some of the changes being implemented to accelerate efforts to build towards a positive, productive school culture centered on learning. New interventions prioritize an emphasis on tangible positive incentives for scholars. Discussion ensued. Board members plan to do an on-site observation in February.

III. Governance and Policy

A. Report from the Governance Committee

Executive Director Monica Maccera and Great Oaks Foundation President Michael Duffy met today with a prospective board member. She will join the next board meeting as a guest.

Board members also requested a retreat to continue to discuss school culture in February including an extended school visit. Monica will send a Doodle poll to schedule.

IV. Facilities and Finance

A. Report from the Finance Committee

Dexter Upshaw left.

Director of Finance Rick landoli led board members through a variance analysis. Great Oaks is on track to have a \$25,000 operating surplus by the end of the fiscal year.

V. Development

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Report on Development from the Great Oaks Foundation

Great Oaks Foundation staff members Jean Lombardi and Dianna Yeung visited to present an update on development.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Tamara Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Pamela Fraser-Abder seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Farrow