



Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport

Minutes

GOBPT Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday February 21, 2024 at 4:30 PM

Location

This month, Governance committee will meet at 4:30pm before the Board meeting. You can join us over zoom or in person at 375 Howard Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06605.

Committee Members Present

Bea Bagley (remote), Bob Carlson, Corey Sneed (remote), David Zieff

Committee Members Absent

Tenssie Ramsay

Guests Present

Benjamin Chan, Farah Martin, John Scalice, Latoya Hubbard

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Bob Carlson called a meeting of the Governance Committee Committee of Great Oaks Charter School - Bridgeport to order on Wednesday Feb 21, 2024 at 4:32 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Corey Sneed made a motion to approve the minutes from GOBPT January Governance Committee Meeting on 01-08-24.

Bea Bagley seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance Committee

A. CEO Report

J. Scalice went over CEO report.

CEO reports we recently had a visit from the Barr Foundation and we were able to host them for their Leadership Retreat.

- Every year the Barr Foundation chooses a site to host 20-30 school leaders and members of the Barr Foundation to visit. These are schools they want to highlight!
- This was a strong showing for Great Oaks
- Interested in our high dosage tutoring model and our school culture.

The Final Draft of Commissioners Network was due during February Break. Everything was submitted and now we are in the process of final edits.

- The Commissioners Network updated version will go out tomorrow 2/22.
- This goes to the commissioners office by March 15th then gets reviewed by commissioner and then she decides to move it to the board of Ed or not.
- There is a wide range of participants for the commissioners network!
- C. Sneed asked How do we leverage this under a Financial lens?
 - They are consistent with looking for innovation like the certification pathway Great Oaks has and they are interested in this.
 - Over the last 3 years we went from 0% dual enrolled to about 50 out of 380. About 1/4 of our students are eligible for college credit. The Barr foundation is interested in this and how they can help.

B. COO Report

L. Hubbard went over COO report.

The School was audited by the Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of State Police.

- They come every 5-6 years and look at background checks and how we are administering this and what are process is.

- They also look at how we determining employment eligibility and look at how we maintain this confidential information.
- The school received 100%

As of today, 58 out of 61 teachers that are required to be certified are certified. This is 95 of our teachers. We still have 3 pending and a few new hires.

We have to work with the CSDE to make sure everything is reported and all documents are submitted and approved. It takes a lot of collaborative work with the teachers. A huge priority for our school is teacher retention and with the teacher shortages have definitely made it difficult.

D. Zieff asked What would prevent someone from being certified?

- In order to temp certify someone you have to have certain amount of credit for content areas like math, ELA, social studies and science. Then you get into ELL and Special Education and those fields require more work and criteria is a bit harder.

C. Sneed asked if there are issues of teachers not getting their transcripts because they owe money to the school. We've done advances before and is there a way to help with this? L. Hubbard states the amount is too high and is thousands of dollars where the school cannot do this right now. L. Hubbard also states the best use of funds to support certification right now is through education and support with testing like Praxis exams.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Carlson