



GOMPERS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

January 17, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.

GPA Wingspan; Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cecil H. Steppe, Pete Chodzko, Jeremy Hurlbert, Rafael Hernandez, Myeisha Lobbins, Bud Mehan, and Vincent Riveroll.

EXCUSED:

Maria Cruz Avalos, Michelle Evans, Jacque Nevels, Michael Rodrigues and Anne Spitzberg.

GUESTS, VISITORS AND STAFF PRESENT:

John Bartholomew, Jane Firpo, Paz Garcia Ramirez, Lisa Maples, Jenny Parsons, Melissa Bitanga, Mark Mejia, Devera Scott, Jazmine Scott, and Shelly Buono

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Mr. Steppe. He asked for any public comments and there were none. Board members reviewed the agenda items and minutes from the November 15, 2016 board meeting.

Motion to approve November's Minutes m/s/c Chodzko/Mehan 7 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No report submitted

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director discussed and showed part of the VAPA performance at the Winter Showcase in December. Also, December included a "December to Remember" event that involved hallway decorating competition and festive activities for families. The event was well attended. Pie with Director took place in November and was an opportunity to thank our families, as well as our staff. Additionally, sixth grade students participated in grade level Socratic seminars. The Homecoming Court was announced and had an average GPA of 3.9. Dede Alpert and Sarah Satiawon came for a VIP visit in January. Sarah is Executive Director of the Girard Foundation. Also, in January, Middle School College Classes were presented for our middle school students to encourage their hard work in regards to being prepared to go to college after their graduation from high school.

This week includes student led parent conferences and Homecoming Spirit Week, with everyone coming with crazy hair, crazy ties and crazy socks throughout the week. Friday will be the Lip Sync concert and Saturday is the Homecoming Dance in the courtyard.

Mr. Hurlbert presented the Comprehensive School Safety Plan. Nothing changed procedurally, just personnel responsible for each section.

Motion to approve the updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan m/s/c Mehan/Hernandez 7 In favor – 0 abstention – None opposed

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- A. Mr. Chodzko's highlights included: ADA is estimated to be roughly 1197 (96.8%), the ADA is reflective of efforts to let students know we miss them when they are absent and this is monitored daily, through the

Office of Student Affairs. Currently, the cash reserve is \$2,841,343, which is a 20% reserve. Director presented some numbers in regards to senior attendance this year. Mr. Hernandez asked about the forecast for the reserve in 3-5 years. Mr. Tamayo explained how that will work and the need to keep in mind the state's budget for next year. Having a significant reserve helps GPA during lean years. Dr. Mehan made a comment about enrollment and keeping an eye on commercial properties.

Motion for acceptance of November's financials m/s/c Chodzko/Mehan 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

B. First Interim Financial Report and Update on Governor's Budget :

Mr. Tamayo presented the new budget that the governor released. The Governor is projecting a deferral for 2018. In past years, whatever is planned in January is generally what is approved in June. That may not be the case this year. Therefore, GPA will be conservative in the planning for 2017-18. The Finance Committee will be diligent about next year's budget planning.

Motion for approval of First Interim Financial Report m/s/c Mehan/Hernandez 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report submitted

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Chodzko explained that in December we sent out a fall mailer to our previous donors. Currently, we have received \$5,000+ in donations from the mailer. The Development Committee also sent out a GPA Christmas Card, as well. The Office of Philanthropy has purchased Donor Perfect, which is an online fundraising software. It has amazing capabilities and will free up the Business Services Team for donor support tasks. Donor Perfect will also send out all the thank you letters to donors. This company requires having our banking information for deposits. The Finance Committee is working on a final solution for this request.

Mr. Chodzko also talked about Dede Alpert's VIP visit. He has been discussing with Sarah Satiawan how to get Girard involved at GPA again. The San Diego Youth Symphony has been working with our choir class in Encore. Ms. Billups from Black Lives Matter came to GPA, as well. Her son went to GPA when it was not a charter school. The money they raise funds HCBU's. There will be a concert here in February, where a GPA student will receive a scholarship. Total funds raised to this point of the year is \$431,003.11.

BOARD AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

No report submitted

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report submitted

Mr. Steppe opened the meeting for questions. A GPA parent asked about where the Comprehensive School Safety Plan is located. Mr. Hurlbert explained you request it from the front office and he will bring it from Room 9 for review.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. m/s/c Lobbins/Hurlbert 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed