



## GVS Minutes

GVS Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 21 · 6:00 – 8:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/ear-ngyg-hte>

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Note to self: Fundraising and grants emails, and professional development/goal setting

**Our Vision:** GVS fosters creative, happy, healthy students who are both thinkers and doers, actively contributing to their community and the world. At GVS, children develop into **well-rounded socially, emotionally and physically intelligent learners**, growing their **creativity, critical thinking** and **craftsmanship** through **engagement with their local communities and the world**.

**Our Mission:** GVS provides an educational program focused on **agriculture and environment** in a small caring dedicated school community as unique as the rural surrounding in which we live.

### 1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order -at 6:02 PM

1.2 Roll Call:

-Present: Amos Mace, Jackie Williams, Debbie Tanzy, Andrea Pacheco, Jody Medina, Amanda Salas, Saba Halaby

Guests: Denise Johnson and Cheyenne Griego

Missing: Aaron Capps (arrived later) and Ann Reidmiller

1.3 [Our Vision & Mission](#)

1.4 Approval of Agenda 09/21/22 Pending additions of 5.9 and 5.10

-Amos motions to approve agenda. Andrea seconds. Unanimous.

1.5 Public Comment (on Agenda topics)

### 2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approval of minutes [08/17/22](#)

-Andrea motions to approve the consent agenda. Amos seconds. Unanimous

### 3. Guest presentation- as needed

### 4. Regular Business

4.1 Officer and committee reports

President's update and committee report

-EAC has a way to sign up for their correspondence so parents and stakeholders can have input. We will need to do Lead Water testing by May 31st 2023.

Vice President's Update VP Report

-The subcommittee is working on getting an online donation option together either on our current website or an associated website. The work is currently focused on our big community engagement event, the Fall Festival.

-Amos asks whether representatives from the Gardner Mainstreet Project can attend in an official capacity to engage the public in their objectives that parallel many of ours. He also discusses aspects of cotton candy distribution. Amanda suggests making it ahead of time to be able to hand out with our literature.

Treasurer's financial report

-The district payment for services went out.

-Jody initiates a discussion about the greenhouses. The water line is going in next week. The trenching will hopefully happen in one day so the trenches can be closed for safety. The electric line is going to have to go in separately because they are coming in from different directions. We discuss the details of getting the greenhouses up and running. Amos suggests creating a document to list the "to do's" so that others can contribute when able.

#### Secretary's grants and procurement report

-The committee is still in the genesis phase. Hopefully the subcommittee will be able to have our first official meeting before the next board meeting.

#### 4.2 Head of School report

-Andrea asks about the couple of days when the bus wasn't available. We don't have a substitute driver. Jody will put on her to do list, an official recruitment effort for a substitute driver. Volleyball is going well, the girls are really excited and improving. Jody is brainstorming ways to incentivize higher attendance rates. On September 27th the "Seed Survivor" mobile classroom will be visiting for grades 3-5, to teach about botony and agriculture.

#### 4.3 Staff Liaison report- as needed

### 5. Discussion and Action Items

#### 5.1 FAMLI opt-out steps & letter

-We will be voting on this by the November board meeting because the deadline to decide if we will opt out is in December.

#### 5.2 Strategic Plan 3rd review

-Amos motions to adopt the strategic plan with the proposed changes. Andrea seconds. Unanimous.

#### 5.3 Family & Community Engagement 1st review

##### a. Policy

-Will be forwarded to the attorney after this first reading.

##### b. Volunteer Application & Agreement

-The question about security and clearance for volunteers comes up. We discuss getting a system in place to scan IDs or finding a company who can do background checks with a real time updating feature.

##### c. School Family Compact

#### 5.4 Board Committee Procedures 2nd review

-Amos motions to approve the Board Committee Procedures. Andrea seconds. Unanimous.

#### 5.5 GVS Standing Committees Resolution

-Amos motions to approve the GVS Standing Committees Resolution. Saba seconds. Unanimous.

"Charis: Greek word meaning grace, kindness, and life"

#### 5.6 Appointment Process for Appointed Board of Directors- 2nd reading

-Saba motions to approve the Appointment Process for Appointed Board of Directors. Aaron seconds. Unanimous.

#### 5.7 CCSP Grant discussion

-There is an opportunity for the CCSP grant to have an additional year, the incentive year. The staff is not up for the workload at this point. Jody puts it forward to the board. Grants and Procurement committee will reach out to Kinnery and the CDE to assess. The deadline is Sep 30, 2022 .

#### 5.8 Transportation [Fundraiser](#)

-A discussion ensues about fundraising and the appropriate relationship between the foundation and the school. We are waiting for input from Bart Skidmore on how we should handle a targeted fundraiser such as this. Big gratitude to the PR, Marketing and Fundraising committee for getting this together!

#### 5.9 Approval of a new substitute teacher, Jeff Barela

-Amos motions to approve Jeff Barela as a substitute teacher, pending fingerprinting and background check. Andrea seconds. Unanimous.

#### 5.10 Huerfano Re-1 board meeting updates

-They are looking into getting a safety officer on campus due to a lot of serious behavioral issues they've been dealing with. Same old narrative that led to our charter in the first place. Hopefully it doesn't amount to trouble with our authorization in the future.

6. Public Comment (Open to all topics)

7. Executive Session- as needed

8. Adjournment

Amos motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. Saba seconds. Unanimous.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_Date Approved:\_\_\_\_\_