



Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 24th, 2024, 4:30-6PM

Board members present

Christine Kemper- Board Chair
Julia Tomasic- Secretary
Nicole Smith
Debby Ballard
Samara Crawford (arrived at 5:52 pm)
Sly James
Lisa Hardwick
Lesley Elwell

Members Absent:

Nikki Newton
Thalia Cherry
Cici Rojas

Guests present:

Tom Krebs, CEO
Kiana Brown, KCGPA
Martha Salinas, Finance Chair
Jamie Berry, Ed Ops
Kara Kahn, KCGPA
Dorita Barr, KCGPA, HS Leader
A small group of parents and teachers/staff were in attendance.

1. Opening

- A. The meeting was called to order by C. Kemper at 4:33pm. Roll Call was taken and the above members and guests were present, with the listed members absent.
- B. Approval of Minutes- J. Tomasic moved to approve the March, 2024 Minutes, D. Ballard seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
- C. Public Comments- Several parents asked a few questions and for clarity, T. Krebs agreed to cover a few topics later in the meeting, to provided information.

2. Old Business

- A. K. Kahn advised that all Board members have turned in their PFDs to the State of Missouri.

3. Finance and CEO Report

- A. Update on Staff Communication Committee- N. Smith advised that she attended a Friday faculty meeting to inform all staff about the Staff Communication Committee. She also noted there was no clarity regarding the division of HS and MS staff.
- B. School Finances- M. Salinas reviewed the details of the latest financial information and moved to approve the March financials and check registers. D. Ballard seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
- C. Foundation Financials- M. Salinas reviewed the Foundation financials as an FYI for the Board and K. Kahn reviewed the current numbers with regard to the Leading with Love campaign. She also noted the monies and grants pledged by the Jackson County Children's Fund, the Brown Family Foundation and the Jadel Foundation.
- D. CEO Report- T. Krebs reviewed the enrollment/ re-enrollment and attendance data as well as the academic updates. D. Barr gave a report on the 9th grade academic progress. She also informed the Board about KCGPA's counselor, Gina Bumgarner's college prep work with the students.

(The CEO Report and Foundation info was presented after the student presentation listed below)

4. Student Presentation-

Ms. Holyfield (KCGPA 8th grade math teacher) was in attendance, in support of KCGPA 8th grader, Harriyyah Green, who gave the Board a wonderful presentation on LGBTQ teens.

5. New Business

- A. T. Krebs reviewed the MCPSC Commission Policy 1.04 (School closure reserve fund) as an FYI for the Board
- B. Planning for the 25/26 School Year- C. Kemper informed all that Rhea Muchalla-LeGrande is working with and informing families about the upcoming 26/26 school plan.
- C. Board meeting calendar- A short discussion about board meeting frequency was had and it was determined that ten meetings per year will be the minimum and works well for all..

5. Closing

- A. T. Krebs reviewed 24/25 school leadership updates to inform the parents who had asked for more information. C, Kemper sought meeting feedback. A roll call vote was taken to

move into closed session and the vote was unanimous to move into closed session at 5:53pm.

- B. Adjournment- The Board came out of closed session at 6:09pm and which time J. Tomasic moved to adjourn. S. James seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:10pm.