GVS Minutes

GVS Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 17 · 6:00 – 8:00pm
Google Meet joining info
Video call link:
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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
    1.2 Roll Call
    Present: Jackie Williams, Amanda Salas, Amos Mace, Jody Medina, Andrea Pacheco, Aaron Capps, Ann Riedmiller, Denise Johnson, Saba Halaby
    Guests: Gillian Jones, Ross Izard
    1.3 Our Vision & Mission
    1.4 Approval of Agenda 11/17/21
    AS motions to amend the agenda to add 5.13 Re1 board meeting update. AM seconds. Unanimous.
    AP motions to approve the agenda. AC seconds. Unanimous.
    1.5 Public Comment (**on Agenda topics**)
    none
2. Consent Agenda
    2.1 Approval of Minutes from 10/20/21
    AM motions to approve the consent agenda. AS seconds. Unanimous.
3. Education Alliance Presentation (Ross Izard)

The vision was to unite the voices of the parents and the schools to support charter schools. Started with five schools and now has 20. Ways they support the school are various; direct lobbying and direct advocacy, collaboration with the Charter League and other charter advocacy groups, and grassroots advocacy. Database of champion advocators. Direct drafting of authorizer contracts is outside their purview, but an orchestrated push or help with messaging would be within the scope of their work. Membership is on a per pupil basis.

4. Regular Business
    4.1 Officer and committee reports
        President's administrative report

Officer committees are to start keeping minutes on the meeting reports.

        Vice President's Update Vice President's Report

Upcoming is the SPBA event and staff appreciation gifts.

        Treasurer's financial report

Denise has expressed concern about having the time to do the required extra work for the audit. In order to avoid this being an issue we need to plan to initiate the audit process earlier in the timeline so that school is not in session when this extra work is being done. Thank you, Denise! For all that you do for the school!

        Secretary's governance and logistics report
    4.2 Head of School report

International applicants require sponsorship. Our attorney was unfamiliar and at this point we need more information about this. Amanda suggests contacting the league about the situation since they may have other schools that have addressed this issue.

4.3 Staff Liaison report

5. Discussion and Action Items

5.1 New Hire - Angela Wakeman

Passed all the background checks and will be teaching 4th and 5th.

AM motions to hire Angela Wakeman. AS seconds. Unanimous.

5.2 School Calendar (updated)

Calendar was updated to keep in compliance with all our hours for staff and students in response to the quarantine period in August.

5.3 Audit Letter & Financials

No red flags. It was delivered to the district.

AS motions to accept the 2020/2021 fiscal audit. AM seconds. Unanimous.

5.4 District Contract (date revisions)

SH motions to accept the revised district contract. AR seconds. Unanimous.

5.5 Sports

We have challenges with transportation. Andrea Pacheco has had parents approach her wondering why we aren't participating in sports. This year the reason we weren't able to participate in volleyball was because of the disruptions with COVID. We also need to find a way to schedule practice during the day because we don't have an activities bus. Jody is going to send out a survey to the parents to find out how many parents would be willing to provide transportation themselves for practice and games. We also need to figure out the coaching piece.

5.6 Quarterly Financials

AM motions to accept our quarterly financials and deliver them to the district. AS seconds. Unanimous

5.7 Education Alliance

5.8 Financial Policy (3rd Review)

CDE has a reference called the Financial Policies and Procedures Handbook. We have reviewed it and accepted it, and now it will be forwarded to the attorney.

5.9 Family Welcome letter

5.10 Next board training

The 3rd and 4th for staff and board training. Reach out to Tom Heald to confirm dates.

5.11 Bereavement Policy

Four days may be a generous policy. We agree to amend the policy to 3 days with a 6 day cap. Will send it to Tim for review and then on to the staff. Should be ready for approval by the next board meeting.

5.12 Staff appreciation gifts

AM motions to get the staff pie as appreciation gifts. AP seconds. Unanimous.

5.13 Re 1 board meeting update

Chris Delmas attended the meeting. They have five new members, so much of it was introductions. The only business that pertained to GVS was the approval of a substitute bus driver.

6. Public Comment (Open to all topics)

7. Adjournment

Amanda motions to adjourn the meeting at 823PM. AR seconds. Unanimous.

Signed:_____

Signed:_____Date Approved:_____