GIRLS PREPARATORY
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Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 28th, 2024, 4:30-6PM

Board members present
Christine Kemper- Board Chair
Julia Tomasic- Secretary
Nicole Smith
Debby Ballard
Lisa Hardwick
Sly James (arrived at 4:45pm)

Members Absent:
Nikki Newton

Guests present:
Lesley Elwell
Rhea Muchalla-LeGrande
Kiana Brown- KCGPA
Dorita Barr, KCGPA, HS Leader
Molly Schemm, KCGPA Family Engagement
Kara Kahn, KCGPA
Meleika Robinson, President of KCGPA FLC
A small group of current staff members, teachers and parents were present in person and online.

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 one member absent.
B. Approval of Minutes- J. Tomasic moved to approve the January, 2024 Minutes, D. Ballard seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
C. Public Comments- There were no public comments.

2. **Old Business**

A. The CEO Parental Leave Plan was discussed and the Co-CEO strategy was presented by R. Muchalla-LeGrande. Time was made for questions/answers.

3. Finance and CEO Report

A. C. Kemper gave an overview of the school's finances. All of the information had been previously reviewed/approved by the Finance Committee. J. Tomasic moved to approve the January financials and check register. D. Ballard seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
B. Foundation- C. Kemper reviewed the Foundation financial information as an FYI to the Board and gave updates on the Jadel Foundation's Study Abroad and College Scholarship Funding initiatives.
C. CEO Report- R. Muchalla-LeGrande reviewed enrollment, reenrollment and attendance data, noting buses are still a big problem, but attendance has improved. She noted that March through May is a big testing time, with three assessment tests happening. K. Brown reviewed some academic updates and advised that ELL testing will happen in May.

4. Governance

A. Vote to Approve New Board Members- D. Ballard reviewed all three candidates in detail and time was made for discussion about each candidate, prior to a vote.
   1) CiCi Rojas- D. Ballard moved to approve her appointment to the Board, J. Tomasic seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve her appointment.
   2) Samara Crawford- - D. Ballard moved to approve her appointment to the Board, J. Tomasic seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve her appointment
   3) Thalia Cherry- D. Ballard moved to approve her appointment to the Board, J. Tomasic seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve her appointment
B. Update on Communications Committee- N. Smith gave a short report (as an FYI) on updates and progress, noting an average of six staff members are attending meetings.

5. New Business

A. Approval of the Foster Care Liaison- J. Tomasic moved to approve Alexandria Williams (Social Worker) to serve as the Foster Care Liaison, L. Hardwick seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
B. Approval of AL and Migrant Coordinator- J.Tomasic moved to approve Cristina Caraballo to serve as the AL/Migrant Coordinator, S. James seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
C. Strategic Planning Overview- C. Kemper advised that the planning session for the Board will occur on April 5th from 2-5pm.

6. Executive Session-

A roll call vote was taken and the Board voted unanimously to leave the open session and go into a closed session meeting at 5:16pm.

A roll call vote was taken at 5:35pm and the Board voted unanimously to end the closed session and return to open session.

7. **Closing-**
   J. Tomasic moved to adjourn, C. Kemper seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:36pm.