



Clover Garden School, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

February 14, 2023, via ZOOM and YouTube Audio

Members Present

Chad Huffines
Ashley Lane
Brandon Russell
Randi Russell
Lynn Foster
Amy Murrell

Members Absent

Cathy June

Other Attendees

Heather Vereyken
Brandi Simmons
Leah Spencer
Daryl Feldman
Nina Miller
Rick Kiernan

1. Call to Order

- A. Chad Huffines called the meeting to order at 8:36 PM.
- B. Role of the Board: We are entrusted to care for the current school, and stay focused on the vision for the future school.
NO TRUST, NO UNITY, NO PROGRESS!
- C. Mission: Clover Garden School will foster community, generate enthusiasm, challenge students academically and produce successful citizens.
- D. *Amy Murrell Moved to approve the February 14, 2023, agenda.
Brandon Russell seconded. 5-0-1, chair abstained*
- E. *Lynn Foster moved to accept the January 2023 minutes as submitted.
Brandon Russell seconded. 4-0-2, chair abstained*

2. Public Comment None

3. Finance

- A. *Ashley Lane moved to accept the December 2022 budget as presented.
Randi Russell seconded. 5-0-1, chair abstained (attached)*
- B. *Ashley Lane moved to accept the January 2023 budget as presented.
Brandon Russell seconded. 5-0-1, chair abstained (attached)*

4. Academics

- A. Mr. Feldman and Ms. Spencer shared updates and slide show photos
 1. Current enrollment is 677. The enrollment lottery is March 6, 2PM.
 2. Staff had a half-day, teacher-led professional development 2/2/23 including finance, mental health, technology, behavioral strategies.
 3. Clover Garden Calendar
 - a. One hundredth day of school: January 20
 - b. School of Choice week was January 23-27
 - c. NC Community and Justice Anyday program on 1/26/23 included 30 students
 - d. Black History Month trivia and prizes for February by Ms. Batts
 - e. K-12 assemblies sponsored by Student Council on 2/2/23
 - f. Winter Sports Senior Night was Feb 9th.
 - g. D/R/E/A/M Team field trip 2/9/23 to support Special Olympics
 - h. K-5 Valentines Dance/Band fundraiser 2/10/23
 - i. AYLA took a field trip to Elon University 2/10/23 and assessed their leadership styles with Elon Leadership Fellows.
 - j. Spring sports began Feb 13th.
 - k. Jr. Civitans took pet supplies, \$300 to the animal shelter 2/17/23
 - f. Curriculum night for rising 6th -12th grades will be Feb 28. After lottery, another information night will be held for new students.

5. Old Business

Clover Garden concluded its Title 1 monitoring and successfully met all compliance requirements. Board reviewed Title 1 Closing Letter.

6. Governance

- A. The Governance Committee is reviewing bylaws, and considering amendments suggested by the CGS legal advisors.
- B. The Finance Committee has scheduled its budget review for 3/22/23.
- C. The Academic Committee met 2/14/23 and discussed check-ins. Some 3rd graders will get extra focus, and congratulations go to Kindergarten reading, 3rd grade math and 8th grade for excellent proficiency.
- D. The Long-Range Committee reports that the high school project is 54% complete. The dry-in will be finished in a couple of weeks. Duke Energy is 60-70% complete. The next progress meeting will be 2/15/23.
- E. The Fundraising Committee has plans for another meeting, and will have more to share in the coming months.

7. New Business

- A. Lottery Updates: Heather Vereyken and Nina Miller
 - 1. The CGS Lottery uses Lotterease for selection. Updates attached.
 - 2. Following the lottery, Enrollease will be used this year to submit information that was formerly "paperwork." This will streamline and increase efficiency.
 - 3. The Board was presented a list of priority admissions allowed by NC, and a request to expand CGS admission priorities. Board discussed.
Amy Murrell made a motion that beginning with the 2023/2024 Enrollment & Lottery the following order of priority would be used
 - 1) Children of Staff and members of the Board of Directors.
 - 2) Siblings of currently enrolled students.
 - 3) Siblings of students chosen in the 2023/2024 lottery. (attached)*Ashley Lane seconded 5-0-1, chair abstained*
- B. Board reviewed (attached) McKinney-Vento Act. Adoption of this dispute resolution policy is required by the NC Homeless Education Program.
Randi Russell moved to adopt the attached NCHPEP-Clover Garden School Dispute Policy.
Amy Murrell seconded 5-0-1, chair abstained

8. Closed Session

- A. *Ashley Lane moved to go into closed session at 7:10 PM according to GS 143-18.11(a)(5)*
Lynn Foster seconded. 5-0-1, chair abstained
- B. The Board came out of closed session at 9:21 PM
Lynn Foster moved to approve 11 employment contracts discussed in closed session.
Randi Russell seconded. 5-0-1, chair abstained.

9. Adjourn

- A. The next meeting of the CGS Board of Directors shall be March 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM.
- B. *Brandon Russell moved to adjourn 9:21 PM*
Randi Russell seconded. 5-0-1, meeting adjourned

Attachments:

December 2022 Condensed Budget – Brandi Simmons
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Title 1 Closing Letter – Brandi Simmons
Lotterease Updates – Nina Miller
Priority Admissions Proposal and NC Charter Priority (115C-218.45)
NCHPEP – Clover Garden School Dispute Policy – Nina Miller