



# Clover Garden School, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

August 8, 2023, In Person / YouTube Live

## Members Present

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

## Members Absent

## Other Attendees

Heather Vereyken  
Brandi Simmons  
Daryl Feldman  
Leah Spencer  
Michelle Whitfield  
Taylor Paschal  
Shannon Page  
Ann Otey  
Stephanie Davis

### 1. Call to Order

- A. Cathy June called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 August 8 agenda as presented.*  
*Lynn Foster seconded. 6-0-1*
- E. *Brandon Russell moved to approve the July 11, 2023, minutes.*  
*Amy Murrell seconded. 6-0-1*

### 2. Public Comment none

### 3. Finance none

### 4. Academics

- A. The K-8 campus has 675 students, and had a successful orientation and open house. Ms. Spencer shared special thanks to the Board for their participation in the first week of school, for the many staff members managing transition, and many volunteers. Thank you to Mr. & Ms. Yearsley and their children Aurora and Charlotte; Leah Lewis; and Carter, Brooklyn, Grayson and Hudson Bradford.
- B. Ms. Whitfield reported on beginning-of-grade testing, in-class assessments and check-ins. She noted that the older students at the original campus were helping with the car rider lines.
- C. Athletic Director Paschal gave the Board an overview of well-attended tryouts for high school fall sports. There are an impressive number of middle school students signed up for fall tryouts. Coming in September, sports camps will be offered on half days for K-5 students. These camps will be hosted by the varsity sports team member.
- D. Kindergarten teachers Ms. Page, Ms. Otey and Ms. Davis delighted the Board with highlights from the Elevate Teacher Conference. attached
- E. Mr. Feldman shared that freshman orientation had an impressive 84% turn out ahead of a great beginning of school. He credits much of the success: teachers administration, and students working flexibly to manage shared spaces. Bus drivers Mr. Whittington, Coach Dodson, Mr. Ward and Ms. Mebane, under the coordination of Ms. Simpson have contributed to the smooth transition to the Integrity campus. There are 268 high school students. Reports attached

### 5. Governance

- A. The Academic Committee: It is benchmark testing season. The NC Report card results are expected in October. Progress reports will go out next week for students. The committee will meet when results are reported.
- B. The Long-Range Committee: Chad Huffines announced that the building project is 87% complete with a target opening date in October.
- C. Fundraising Committee: The Board discussed the need for a committee chair.

## **6. New Business**

- A. The semi-annual well monitoring report has been submitted. Letter attached
- B. Ms. Vereyken outlined Board volunteer opportunities, including time helping in car rider lines, classrooms, cafeteria, and maintenance tasks.
- C. Safety updates
  - 1. Cameras have been installed at the Integrity temporary campus.
  - 2. Many thanks to Mr. Feldman for coordinating/managing the safe opening and operation of the Integrity campus.
  - 3. A fence has been moved to offer security near the small gym, where K-5 enjoys activity all day long.

## **7. Closed Session**

- A. *Ashley Lane moved to go into closed session according to General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(5) at 7:22 PM.  
Randi Russell seconded. 6-0-1*
- B. The Board came out of closed session at 8:12 PM.

## **9. Closing**

- Randi Russell moved to approve 1 employment contract presented in closed session. Attached  
Lynn Foster seconded. 6-0-1*

## **10. Adjourn**

The next CGS Board of Directors meeting shall be September 12, 2023.

*Chad Huffines moved to adjourn at 8:13 PM  
Randi Russell seconded. 6-0-1, meeting adjourned*

## **Attachments:**

Well Monitoring Report – Brandi Simmons  
Principals Report – Leah Spencer  
Principals Report – Daryl Feldman  
Orientation Update and Survey – Daryl Feldman  
Kindergarten Conference Highlights – Ann Otey, Stephanie Davis, Shannon Page  
New Hires/Contract Renewals – Heather Vereyken