



# Clover Garden School, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

September 12, 2023, In Person / YouTube Live

## Members Present

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

## Members Absent

Ashley Lane

## Other Attendees

Heather Vereyken  
Brandi Simmons  
Daryl Feldman  
Leah Spencer  
Karen Morris  
Michelle Whitfield

Zach Young  
Robyn Cox  
Taylor Paschal  
Mike Ward  
Nate Dodson  
Ann Otey  
Lisa Wilson  
Casey Thompson  
Angela Corbett  
Laura Bradford  
Brad Bradford  
Sarah Perkins  
Nolan Causey  
Kayleigh Brooks  
Joani Otey  
Emmanuel Gonkपाला  
Love Gonkपाला  
Joshua Gonkपाला  
Grant Gonkपाला  
Alissah Williams

### 1. Call to Order

- A. Cathy June called the meeting to order at 6:36 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. *Brandon Russell moved to approve the September 12 agenda as presented. Amy Murrell seconded. 5-0-1 Chair abstained*
- E. *Lynn Foster moved to approve the August 8, 2023, minutes. Amy Murrell seconded. 5-0-1 Chair abstained*

### 2. Public Comment none

### 3. Finance

- A. *Brandon Russell moved to accept the July 2023 budget as presented. Amy Murrell seconded. 5-0-1, Chair abstained attached*
- B. *Brandon Russell moved to accept the July 2023 budget as presented. Amy Murrell seconded. 5-0-1, Chair abstained attached*

### 4. Special Guests

- A. Brad Bradford shared a list of possible projects for the Athletic boosters. Among the ideas: soccer field, expand softball field, vans for transport.

### 4. Academics

- A. Ms. Bradford and Fit to Lead students Alissah Williams, Sarah Perkins, Emmanuel Gonkपाला and Joani Otey shared about their class activities with elementary students, and their desire to create lasting clubs for middle school and beyond.
- B. Traveling teachers
  1. Coach Ward and Coach Dodson reported that nearly 65 ninth graders were certified in CPR. Students in other grades will also have the opportunity.
  2. Ms. Whitfield read Ms. Ingle's written update. The chorus will perform at Relay for Life this year.
  3. Ms. Morris shared Ms. Ballard's update and video on K-12 dance classes.
- C. Athletic Director Paschal was excited about the 8 fall teams currently in season at CGS. The cookie dough fundraiser reached \$27,000 and a golf tournament is planned with a goal of 30 teams. Sports camps for K-5 on CGS half days are underway.
- D. Student Council Advisors Ms. Wilson (HS) and Ms. Thompson (MS), introduced student representatives Sarah Perkins, Nolan Causey and Kayleigh Brooks who shared with the Board about All-American Week and Spirit Week.
- E. K-8 Updates (Ms. Whitfield shared photos shared with the Board)
  1. Enrollment: 442 elementary and 239 middle school.
  2. Ms. Spencer shared ways that CGS promotes positive community.
  3. Ms. Whitfield described the restructuring of the MTSS process. She and Ms. Simpson will work with Amplify to put a pilot program at CGS for math.

- F. Mr. Feldman's high school report included feedback from teachers, who are currently working at Integrity Church. While they are doing an amazing job, there is a need to broaden the high school staff. Report attached
1. Mr. Feldman introduced High School Assistant Principal Karen Morris.
  2. Ms. Whitfield shared good results from the first NC check-in. Another round of check-ins will be September 22. Quarter 1 ends September 29.
  3. Mrs. Reagan and administration developed and shared a workshop *Planning with Revised Bloom's Taxonomy (RBT) in Mind.*

## 5. Governance

- A. The Academic Committee: Lynn Foster was pleased to report the NC School Report Card score **B** for Clover Garden School.
- B. The Long-Range Committee: Chad Huffines shared progress photos for the building project, now 90% complete. The target for opening is late October or early November.

## 6. New Business

- A. Ashley Lane will be on a Leave of Absence until January 2024. Her colleague Zach Young attended in her absence.  
*Lynn Foster moved to accept Zach Young as a Community Advisory Member. Chad Huffines seconded. 5-0-1, Chair abstained*
- B. Ms. Simmons reported no findings on the Fire Inspection Report. attached
- C. Nurse Corbett outlined the updated Covid-19 procedures/protocol. attached  
*Randi Russell moved to accept the updated Covid-19 Procedures/Protocol. Brandon Russell seconded. 5-0-1, Chair abstained*

## 7. Closed Session

- A. *Chad Huffines moved to go into closed session according to General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(5) at 7:58 PM. Randi Russell seconded. 5-0-1 Chair abstained*
- B. The Board came out of closed session at 8:50 PM.

## 9. Closing

- Amy Murrell moved to approve 2 employment contracts presented in closed session. Attached*  
*Brandon Russell seconded. 5-0-1 chair abstained*

## 10. Adjourn

The next CGS Board of Directors meeting shall be October 10, 2023.

*Chad Huffines moved to adjourn at 8:51 PM*  
*Randi Russell seconded. 5-0-1, chair abstained, meeting adjourned*

## Attachments:

July 2023 Condensed Budget – Brandi Simmons  
August 2023 Condensed Budget – Brandi Simmons  
Principals Report K-8 – Leah Spencer  
Principals Report HS – Daryl Feldman  
CGS Photos – Michelle Whitfield  
Fire Inspection Report – Brandi Simmons  
Covid-19 Procedures/Protocol – Angela Corbett  
New Hires/Contract Renewals – Heather Vereyken