



Clover Garden School, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

October 10, 2023, In Person / YouTube Live

Members Present

Cathy June
Chad Huffines
Randi Russell
Amy Murrell
Lynn Foster

Members Absent

Ashley Lane
Brandon Russell

Other Attendees

Heather Vereyken
Brandi Simmons
Daryl Feldman
Leah Spencer
Karen Morris
Michelle Whitfield
Margaret Simpson
Taylor Paschal
Traci Leach
Daisy Whited
Robyn Cox
JC Harper

Spanish Classes Grades 8-12

Jessica Graves
Ollie Graves
Jakobe Hicks
Martin España
Matthew España
Wayne Perkins
April King
Maddie King
Nikki Akers
Joshua Akers
Teresa Akers
Noah Reid
Carson Leach
Hunter Otey

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. *Chad Huffines moved to approve the October 10, 2023, agenda as presented. Amy Murrell seconded. 5-0*
- E. *Lynn Foster moved to approve the September 12, 2023, minutes. Amy Murrell seconded. 5-0*

2. Public Comment none

3. Finance

- A. *Amy Murrell moved to accept the September 2023 budget as presented. Randi Russell seconded. 5-0 attached*

4. Academics

- A. Ms. Whited and her accelerated 8th grade and high school Spanish students delighted the Board by singing songs in Spanish. Ms. Whited shared other ways her classes were celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.
- B. Mr. Feldman introduced new band/music teacher JC Harper, who joins CGS with 11 years teaching experience. Mr. Harper shared upcoming band plans.
- C. Lucas Roney was honored for receiving Rural and Small Town Recognition by College Board.
- D. Hunter Otey was recognized for earning a Letter of Commendation by National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- E. Ms. Morris and Ms. Whitfield shared assessment/check-ins progress. *Attached*
- F. Calendar of events can be found on the CGS website and social media.
- F. Ms. Spencer offered gratitude for CGS peer observers, Mrs. Redd and a record-breaking Book Fair, substitutes and teacher assistants who are essential to CGS, and to Ms. Whitfield and Ms. Morris. *K-8 report attached*
- G. Enrollment is 681 for K-8 and 267 for high school, totaling 948 students.
- H. Ms. Spencer shared health and safety updates.
 1. The first lockdown drill of the year is complete.
 2. Nurse Corbett has secured a grant to provide air purifiers to CGS.
 3. Ms. Alverado returned to CGS to offer mental health services.
 4. Middle School students participated in training via ZOOM, learning about bullying, self-harm and reporting concerns.
- I. Ms. Leach and Ms. Simpson are coordinating the CGS Fall Festival Fundraiser. Activities will include inflatables, petting zoo, hayride, raffles, ax throwing.

5. Governance

- A. The Academic Committee: Lynn Foster referred to assessment updates by Ms. Whitfield and Ms. Morris.
- B. The Long-Range Committee: Chad Huffines shared progress photos for the building project, now 93% complete. The target for opening is late November.

Nancy Johnson
Bambie Massey
Jeremy Foster
Jennifer Foster
Crystal Summers
Scott Gobble
Jaime Sutton
Raudel Castañeda
Heather Castañeda
Rebecca Lashley
Chad Hamilton
Courtney Hamilton
Edita Velez
Caroline Peters
Matthew Penhollow
Brandy Hurt
Terrance Blackwell
Heather Blackwell
Arianna Blackwell
Mark Richardson
Maheswari Palle
Hrisui Kalapuram
Phyllis Chafin
Rhonda Clark
Kelly Webster
Darryl Roney
Lucas Roney
Marcy Roney

6. New Business

A. Athletic Updates

1. Director Paschal shared updates on the successful ½ Day Skills Camps, led by MS and HS students.
2. The Grizzly Golf Tournament at Quaker Creek was successful, with full registration and 26 Sponsors.
3. Ms. Vereyken commended Coach Paschal for purposefully connecting students at both campuses.
4. AD Paschal shared NCHSSA scholastic requirement changes, and requested a change to the CGS Student/Parent Handbook to reflect these changes:
In order to be eligible for to participate in extracurricular activities or athletics, the student must pass a minimum of 5 classes during the last quarter completed prior to the period of participation per Clover Garden School policy AND pass *the minimum of 5 classes* during the preceding semester per the NCHSAA policy for high school and the DPI policy for middle school.

*Amy Murrell moved to approve the amendment as presented. attached
Lynn Foster seconded. 5-0*

B. Ms. Simmons presented the Cafeteria Inspection Report (98.5%). *attached*

C. Ms. Vereyken noted adjustments to the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

*Randi Russell moved to accept 2024-25 calendar changes attached.
Chad Huffines seconded. 5-0*

7. Closed Session

A. Lynn Foster moved to go into closed session according to General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(5) at 7:56 PM.

Randi Russell seconded. 5-0

B. The Board came out of closed session at 8:44 PM.

8. Closing

*Amy Murrell moved to approve the 2022-2023 Final Budget. Attached
Brandon Russell seconded. 5-0*

9. Adjourn

The next CGS Board of Directors meeting shall be November 14, 2023.
December 12 is the tentative date for the off-site December meeting.

Chad Huffines moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM

Randi Russell seconded. 5-0 meeting adjourned

Attachments:

September 2023 Condensed Budget – Brandi Simmons

Principals Report K-8 – Leah Spencer

Principals Report HS – Daryl Feldman

MTSS Report – Michelle Whitfield

Cafeteria Inspection Report – Brandi Simmons

NCHSSA Scholastic Requirement Changes – Taylor Paschal

2022-2023 Final Budget – Brandi Simmons