



Clover Garden School, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

August 13, 2024, In Person / YouTube Live

Members Present

Cathy June
Randi Russell
Ashley Lane
Zach Young
Lynn Foster
Amy Murrell
Megan Gould

Other Attendees

Heather Vereyken
Brandi Simmons
Karen Morris
Leah Spencer
Michael Kane
Michelle Whitfield
Elizabeth Gladden
Shelley Miner
Jessica Crawford
Ashley Lassiter
Hannah Baken

1. Call to Order

- A. Cathy June called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.
Ms. Vereyken introduced Heather Gladden, High School Asst Principal and Michael Kane, K-8 Dean of Students.
- 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 Aug 13, 2024 agenda as presented.
Randi Russell seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained*
- E. *Lynn Foster moved to approve the July 16, 2024, minutes.
Megan Gould seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained*

2. Public Comment

Amy Murrell read the Public Comment procedure and public comment from Ashley Payne, Sarah Campbell and Brittany Cobb. Public comments were submitted online. Attached

3. Academics

- A. Ms. Spencer and Dr. Morris have been focused on class schedules and routines And have had a great start to the new school year.
- B. Shelley Miner asked the Board to consider a modified grading scale for Art since the academic scale does not take into consideration the hands-on nature of the class. Ms. Vereyken spoke for Spanish classes, which would benefit from changing from the elective grading scale to the academic grading scale.
*Zach Young moved to approve the Art and Spanish grading scale changes.
Randi Russell seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained*
- C. Dr. Morris spoke to the 70% passing academic requirement for CGS athletes. Since many athletes are enrolled at ACC, an issue arises when those classes have not yet begun but athletic teams have started competition.
Megan Gould moved to approve the change to the requirement language stating that athletes must pass 70% of their **current** classes.
Amy Murrell seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained

4. Old Business

- A. Ms. Vereyken gave an overview of the 23-page SB49 document. Parent's Guide to Student Achievement outlines requirements, resources, data all in one place.
*Ashley Lane moved to approve PGSA. Draft attached.
Lynn Foster seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained*
- B. Ms. Vereyken shared the 2-year charter renewal process. Successful evaluation would mean a 10-year renewal. Renewal Overview attached.

5. New Business

- A. The safety plan on the agenda has been tabled until a later date.
- B. Ms. Simmons shared a request from employees to have a Flexible Spending Plan. Board discussed. Proposal attached.
Ashley Lane moved to approve the Flexible Spending Plan as presented. Megan Gould seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained.
- C. Ms. Simmons shared favorable inspection reports:
May's final cafeteria inspection, the Health Department inspection of the K-8 building and the Pressure Vessel inspection. Additionally, the high school has been permitted to allow the kitchen to serve hot food.

6. Governance

- A. The Finance Committee will meet virtually Thursday, August 15.
- B. The Fundraising Committee plans to meet within the next month to establish Goals.

7. Closed Session

- A. *Lynn Foster moved to go into closed session according to General Statute 143-18.11 (a) (1&5) at 7:15 pm. Amy Murrell seconded. 6-0-1*
- B. The Board came out of closed session at 8:27 pm.
Randi Russell moved to approve the following employment contracts: Caitlin Ross, Michael Kane, Maggie Walters and Ryan Gabriel. Amy Murrell seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained

8. Adjourn

- A. The next CGS Board of Directors meeting shall be September 10, 2024.
- B. *Brandon Russell moved to adjourn at 8:37 PM. Amy Murrell seconded. 7-0-1, Chair abstained, meeting adjourned*

Attachments:

Public Comment – Amy Murrell
Parent's Guide to Student Achievement (PGSA)
Renewal Overview – Heather Vereyken
Flexible Spending Proposal – Brandi Simmons
Inspection Reports – Brandi Simmons
Contract Approvals and Renewals – Heather Vereyken