Clover Garden School, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

March 11, 2025, In Person / YouTube Live

Members Present

Cathy June
Randi Russell
Zach Young
Megan Gould
Lynn Foster
Ashley Lane
Brandon Russell
Chad Huffines
Ex Officio

Other Attendees

Heather Vereyken
Brandi Simmons
Karen Morris
Leah Spencer
Michael Kane
Michelle Whitfield
Elizabeth Gladden

Lt. Brad Hall
Caitlin Ross
Scott Rochford
Kelly Foster
Julia McGregor
Shelly Beelendorf
Shauna Maness
Matt Maness
Emilia Maness
Sophia Maness
Kerrington Loftis
Meredith Craven

1. Call to Order

A. Cathy June called the meeting to order at 6:34 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. *Randi Russell moved to approve the March 11, 2025 agenda. Megan Gould seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained.*
E. *Lynn Foster moved to accept February 18, 2025 minutes as submitted. Zach Young seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained.*

2. Public Comment

Chad Huffines read the Public Comment protocol, and read online comments by Julie Stockard and Eileen Vincent about high school class offerings/pathways.

3. Special Guest

Lt. Brad Hall with the Alamance County Sheriff's Department shared Project Safe Schools. It includes mapping campuses and color-coding zones/buildings to reduce response times during emergencies.

4. Finances

A. *Ashley Lane moved to accept the February 2025 condensed budget. Attached Zach Young seconded. 6-0-1 Chair abstained.*
B. The Finance Committee reviewed the CGS auditing contract for next year. *Zach Young moved to renew Rebekah Barr's contract for 2025-2026. Ashley Lane seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained*

5. Academics

A. Please see attached Principals Reports, online calendars and updates.
1. CGS was awarded Reader's Choice Award for Best Charter School.
2. Fifth Grade team Ms. Foster, Ms. Ross, Mr. Rochford presented their goals for preparing students for middle school, and weekly newsletter to parents.
3. Second Grade team Ms. Maness, Ms. Beelendorf, Ms. McGregor shared their academic progress, goals and strategies for this year and the future.
4. Dr. Morris clarified several points in the guidelines for ACC & NCVPS students. This information will be shared in an upcoming Sunday Message.
5. Hanna Tickle earned offensive player of the year and all-conference. Nikole Weed and Brayden DeAlto are also all-conference.
6. Noah Kastner was selected as a Draelos Science Scholar, a 6-week STEM research internship opportunity.
7. High school acknowledged A-Honor Roll, and Mr. Kane's pizza challenge is encouraging and improving attendance with a pizza challenge.
8. Lottery complete, pulling from 650+ applications. Thanks to Ms. Walther.
9. Randi Russell reported that HS CGS Envirothon's 3 teams made it to State, CGS was #1 in all but 1 competition category.

B. Summer Learning Plan: Ms. Vereyken and Ms. Whitfield proposed a 3-part plan for testing remediation in May and June. Plan is organized and managed by Ms. Whitfield and Ms. Weed.
   1. End of school year remediation/re-administration of grade 3 math EOG.
   2. Grades 2/3 reading-focused program May 29-June 12
   3. Grades 4-8 ELA or Math small-group program May 29- June 12.

   Attendance is required for retesting. Total instructional time: 72 hrs 25 min. See attached proposal for curriculum and other details.
   Lynn Foster moved to approve CGS Summer Learning Plan as presented. Megan Gould seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained

6. Old Business

A. The office of Charter School delayed the submission date for Safety Plans. CGS received a safety grant from the State of NC Centers for Safer Schools.
B. The Charter Renewal 2026 site visit feedback included commendation to the Board for fiscal responsibility; to staff for identifying/implementing learning opportunities. Thanks Ms. Paylor for updating CGS website per feedback.

7. Governance

A. Governance is reviewing policies
B. Finance reviewed auditor contract, is working on year-end budget, capital projects, and setting financial goals.
C. Academic: Check-ins are happening now, more information to come.
D. Long-Range: Some warranty items are waiting for good weather.

8. New Business

A. Fire inspections conducted on both campuses, all items are being completed, thanks to Mr. Whittington. CGS will have a 30-day reinspection.
B. The federal administration change requires that Title IX revert to 2020's guidelines. Board discussed.
   Megan Gould moved to adopt the 2020 Title IX.
   Randi Russell seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained

9. Closed Session

A. *Ashley Lane moved to go into closed session at 8:13pm according to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1)(5)&(6).*
   Lynn Foster seconded, 6-0-1 Chair abstained.
B. The Board came out of closed session at 10:28pm.

10. Adjourn

A. The next CGS Board of Directors meeting shall be April 8, 2025.
B. *Randi Russell moved to adjourn at 10:28 PM.*
   Megan Gould seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained, meeting adjourned.

Attachments:

February 2025 Condensed Budget – Brandi Simmons
Project Safe Schools – Special Guest Lt. Brad Hall
K-12 Principals Reports –Spencer/Whitfield/Morris/Kane/Gladden
Fire Inspections – Brandi Simmons
CGS Summer Learning Plan –Heather Vereyken & Michelle Whitfield
CGS Charter Renewals Feedback Form – Heather Vereyken
QR Code to BoD Happenings Feb/March – Leah Spencer