



Clover Garden School, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

September 10, 2024, In Person / YouTube Live

Members Present

Randi Russell
Ashley Lane
Zach Young
Lynn Foster
Amy Murrell
Megan Gould
Brandon Russell
Chad Huffines,
Ex Officio

Other Attendees

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

Attachment:
Contract Approval

1. Call to Order

- A. Amy Murrell called the meeting to order at 6:40 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 Sep 10, 2024 agenda as presented. Lynn Foster seconded. 6-0-1, Vice Chair abstained*
- E. *Randi Russell moved to approve the Aug 13, 2024, minutes. Megan Gould seconded. 6-0-1, Vice Chair abstained*

2. Public Comment

Amy Murrell acknowledged public comment submitted, but due to FERPA confidentiality, it could not be read in open session. Comment is under review.

3. Academics

- A. Dr. Morris welcomed Mr. Harper, who shared this year's show theme Willy Wonka. This year music students will emphasize humility and compassion. See the school calendar for upcoming marching band competitions.
- B. Coach Paschcal announced middle and high school cheerleading teams, which welcomed many students to CGS athletics for the first time.
- C. Ms. Spencer recognized community kindness in the donation of school supplies by Clover Garden AME Church and supplies and snacks by Keystone Homes.
- D. • Please see CGS online calendar • Aug and Sept Character trait: KINDNESS
 - Sep 16-20: CGS Scholastic Book Fair week
 - Sept 23: ACC College Fair
 - Sep 25: ½ day professional development includes "say something" training.

4. Old Business

Ms. Vereyken will share the CGS Safety Plan with the Board at a later date. New legislative changes mean that this resource will be available online.

5. Governance

- A. The Governance Committee is meeting to review and update internal controls.
- B. The Academic Committee met today, reviewing the 2023-24 NC Report Card.

7. Closed Session

- A. *Brandon Russell moved to go into closed session according to General Statute 143-18.11 (a) (1&5) at 7:15 pm. Zach Young seconded. 6-0-1, Vice Chair abstained*
- B. The Board came out of closed session at 7:58 pm.
Randi Russell moved to approve Katheine Benitez employment contract. Lynn Foster seconded. 6-0-1, Vice Chair abstained

8. Adjourn

- A. The next CGS Board of Directors meeting shall be October 15, 2024.
- B. *Zach Young moved to adjourn at 7:59 PM. Brandon Russell seconded. 6-0-1, Vice Chair abstained, meeting adjourned*