



## Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2015

### Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on February 23, 2015 at the Bear Grass Charter School band room, Bear Grass, NC. Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### Present:

Delmas Cumbee    Kent Dickerson    Phil Hodges    Pam Gibbs    Ron Preston  
 Charlotte Griffin    Georgia Smallwood

### Guests:

Donna Moore – Bear Grass Charter School Principal  
 Mary Beth Jackson, Bear Grass Charter School Assistant Principal

The minutes from the January 12, 2015 meeting were approved.

Motion: Georgia, Second: Ron. Motion passed.

The following students were recognized for displaying the character education program trait of Fairness and Justice:

Middle School: Jenna Davenport

High School: Blake Beddard

Principal Moore informed us that the lottery date has been changed from March 24<sup>th</sup> to March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM. There will be a lottery for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and a waiting list lottery for grades 7, 8, and 9. Our student enrollment of 360 will be met.

Glenda Moore, staff member, presented a Schoology presentation. This is an online learning management system. We are currently using a free version of this and Ms. Moore presented a PowerPoint that detailed the enhancements if we go to a paid version of Schoology. By going to

a paid version, our school will be using technology in a meaningful way and it would aid in possibly acquiring a STEM grant in the future.

**A motion** was made to accept the contract for a paid version of Schoology. Motion: Ron. Second: Kent. Motion passed.

An updated Strategic Plan has been completed and was provided for review.

**A motion** was made to accept the BGCS Strategic Plan. Motion: Charlotte. Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

CPR is now a requirement for graduation. Students can be CPR certified (Allied Health) or CPR trained (all others). Student transcripts will now show CPR cert. /train. as well as Senior Projects.

**A motion** was made to allow students to have the option of becoming CPR trained or certified. Motion: Charlotte. Second: Kent. Motion passed.

A Middle School STEM application is due in April. High School application is taking place now. There will be a week long site visit as part of this application.

Principal Moore gave a brief EC update. Staff members VP Jackson, T. Cowan, and T. Jackson will be attending the State EC Conference next month.

Buildings and grounds update included the front handicap ramp can be relocated provided a handicap parking spot is available. Jackie is getting quotes for heat in the auditorium. A new press box is coming to the softball field. A parent has volunteered their masonry labor for the project.

Two Chrome Books are being tested before a final decision is made on the new lease. A new lease quote will be presented at the March board meeting.

Accountability (Academic) A 10 point grading scale was discussed and **a motion** was made to adopt a 10 point grading scale across the board. Motion: Charlotte. Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

Principal Moore provided handouts for an Accountability Brief, NC School Report Card Snapshot, parent letters of Snapshot, NC Region 1 SPG scores as well as BGCS Feeder school and BGCS county SPG scores. Majority of all schools scored low on their final grades. The State's revamping of the grading mechanism aided in this decline. Principal Moore has identified areas that need improvement and has plans to assist with this improvement.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a tornado drill to coincide with Emergency Preparedness Week, March 1-7.

Jr-Sr Prom will be held Friday, March 20, 2015 at Yankee Hall Plantation.

Principal Moore informed the board that 50% of the bus drivers have to be drug tested. Drivers will be pulled at random at least once a year. The search is still on for a 3<sup>rd</sup> bus.

A male tennis team has been added to the sports roster. **A motion** was made to accept the contract for Boot Mobley to be the tennis coach. Motion: Charlotte. Second: Kent. Motion passed.

Finance update included: BGCS will receive an amount of sales tax revenue. A new auditor, Les Merritt, has been contacted for the 2015-2016 school year.

**A motion** was made to accept the new auditor, Les Merritt. Motion: Ron. Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

The America's Farmers Grow Communities grant of \$2500.00 will be used for technology.

The BT Audit that was supposed to be on February 19, 2015 has been changed to March 4, 2015.

**A motion** was made to accept Chip Edwards as the part-time custodian. Motion: Georgia. Second: Kent. Motion passed.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a motion was made by Charlotte, seconded by Kent and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session to discuss human resources. At 8:39 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 8:52 PM. Motion: Charlotte. Second: Kent.

No motions were made after the board came out of closed session.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on March 23, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Bear Grass Charter School band room.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn: Georgia. Second: Kent. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 8:59 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

  
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Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman