



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2017

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on January 23, 2017 at the Bear Grass Charter School media center, Bear Grass, NC. Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

Present:

● Delmas Cumbee ● Kent Dickerson ○ Phil Hodges ● Pam Gibbs
● Charlotte Griffin ● Georgia Smallwood

Guests:

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

***** Audit report was added to the agenda for tonight, Jan 23, 2017*****

The minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

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

Middle School: Fairness/Justice-Harley Gibson Kindness-Lucy Honican

High School: Fairness/Justice-Rachel Hardison Kindness-Shawn Wells

Public Comment:

No updates or discussion took place.

Student Enrollment:

2017-18 Enrollment Period began January 1, 2017 and will continue through February 1, 2017. So far, 100 applications have been received for the 2017-18 school year. The lottery is scheduled for March 6, 2017 @6:00 PM.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

An updated staff development plan was provided for the board. All staff has completed training for Project Based Learning as of January 4, 2017. Representatives from ECU collaborated with this training.

EC Update:

VP Jackson gave a brief update on the new EC staff member, Donna Gargaro. According to Ms. Jackson, she is fitting in well with the BGCS faculty and all is going along fine so far.

Building and Grounds:

Mr. Harrison provided the board with an update on the buildings and grounds. A pump broke in the waste water site and a temporary one is in place until a replacement comes in. The new yellow bus should be on campus this week. New scoreboards for the gym and baseball/football field were discussed at length. Mr. Harrison has researched and shopped around to find the best price/quality.

A **motion** was made to purchase the scoreboards as discussed.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

Technology:

Matt Kalmowitz has resigned as the school's IT Manager and Tony Hale has accepted the vacant position as IT Manager.

A **motion** was made to accept the staff resignation.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

A **motion** was made to approve the hire recommendation.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

Public Relations:

No discussion or updates took place.

Accountability (Academic):

Principal Moore provided the board with 1st semester test results. Math I students had to redo 1 test question. This wasn't just BGCS students but all Math I students. Math I scores are up 11% from last years. On the other hand, Biology scores are down 14% from last year. Principal Moore informed the board that the ACT score requirement has increased from 17 to 20.

Student Services:

Principal Moore discussed the Paxton Patterson training that will start at the end of March. A lecture room and lab room has been crafted in the old library for this new health module.

Child Nutrition:

No discussion or updates took place.

Transportation:

As previously discussed by Mr. Harrison, the new yellow bus will be on campus this week.

Athletics:

BGCS has been selected as President of Conference. Terry Perry is the representative for our school.

Other Discussion Items:

Elizabeth Rose, PTSA President and parent leader for the Scuba Club, spoke to the board about the Florida Manatee Dive trip the club took last year. They would like to make this trip again this year and was looking to the board for financial support for this trip. A suggestion was made to look for student sponsors rather than financial support from the board. She thanked the board for their time and seemed motivated by the sponsor suggestion. A **motion** was made to approve the Scuba Club trip to Florida in March.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

Principal Moore discussed student ambassadors with the board. She has been in contact with Exploris School in Raleigh about this new concept. Each grade will have 2 ambassadors. These ambassadors will hold student-led tours during open house, will work on teamwork skills and have a service project. The board members were impressed with this new concept of student ambassadors and their role they will play at BGCS.

Finance:

An updated budget report was provided for the board. An audit report was provided for each board member as well. Chairman Cumbee informed the board that the audit was submitted October 19, 2016.

Human Resources:

As previously discussed during technology, the resignation and new hire recommendation of the IT manager was approved.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a motion was made by Charlotte, seconded by Georgia and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session to discuss human resources. At 6:55 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:07 PM. Motion: Charlotte, Second: Kent.

The following motion was required after the board came out of closed session.

A **motion** was made to draft a form of documentation to present to volunteers at the school to safeguard the volunteers as well as BGCS.


Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia .Motion passed.

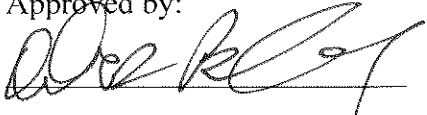
The next scheduled board meeting will be on Monday February 20, at 6:00 PM in the Bear Grass Charter School media room.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Charlotte, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:

Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman