



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

**Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2015**

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on September 21, 2015 at the Bear Grass Charter School band room, Bear Grass, NC. Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

The minutes from the August 10, 2015 meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

Ron Preston, past board member, was recognized with a plaque for his years of service as a BGCS board member. Ron’s input as an ECU Professor and colleague will be missed.

The following students were recognized for displaying the character education program trait of Respect:

Middle School: Lilly Clement

High School: Cody Lee

Staff: Heather Davenport

STEM site visit will take place on September 30th. Four DPI members will be conducting the site

Student Enrollment:

Current enrollment for 2015-16 school year is 359 students.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

Principal Moore provided an updated professional development plan.

Codecademy is an online interactive program that offers free coding classes. This program can be added to students resume if completed. Matthew Watson will utilize this program in his computer skills class.

PBL is teacher-student lead teacher method. Students will be presented real-life scenarios vs student designed scenarios. MS curriculum will be a Water Quality Project with Roanoke Outdoor Adventure and Love a Sea Turtle.

EC Update:

VP Jackson has a meeting on September 23rd in which she has to perform a self assessment.

Building and Grounds:

New electric panel has been installed in the EC trailer.

Bus maintenance has been place on a monthly schedule.

Exhaust fan in café needs to be replaced. Jackie will check on a quote for a replacement.

The center peak membrane needs to be replaced in the auditorium. The roof is starting to leak. Jackie will check on a quote for repair.

A policy for the use of school facilities by outside entities was discussed. This has been tabled for now.

A discussion took place on a new provider for the waste water contract. A motion was made to accept the staff recommendation for the waste water contract.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

Technology:

All old technology has been returned to Dell.

The new version of Schoology has had major issues. Other schools have had issues as well. Principal Moore is going to check to see if there would be some type of reimbursement due to the issues encountered.

Accountability:

Principal Moore provided a power point presentation of the 2014-2015 testing results. She was pleased with the overall scoring of the students. There are a few areas that she identified that needed work.

If the school does not outscore for the 2015-16 school year, then the charter can be red-flagged.

Child Nutrition:

Sonic has been added as a vendor for student lunches for the 2015-16 school year.

Transportation:

Jackie is still searching for a 3rd yellow bus. The previous one identified for purchase had been sold before our offer was made.

Athletics:

Recommendations were made for a MS girls basketball coach and MS cheerleading. A motion was made to accept coach recommendations.

Motion: Kent, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

Other Discussion:

Principal Moore presented the board with a tally of sick days that staff will lose since charter school staff can't bring forward any accumulated sick time. A discussion took place as the best way to handle this issue for the staff. Principal Moore is going to gather some more information for the board so a decision can be made that will be in the best interest of the BGCS staff.

Kent proposed an idea that the education foundation had as a fund raiser—Painted parking spots for Seniors. Senior students and/or family members can pay a \$ amount to paint their parking spots. VP Jackson stated that this idea would be better if implemented for the 2016-17 school year since she would have to re-assign some spots to accommodate this fund raiser.

Finance:

An updated financial report was provided.

There was no agenda that required for the board to go into closed session.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on October 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Bear Grass Charter School band room.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Delmas, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

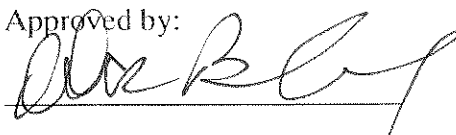
The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:18 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman