



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2019

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on October 21, 2019 at the Bear Grass Charter School media center, Bear Grass, NC. Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present:

● Delmas Cumbee ● Frank Beck ○ 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

See Something Say Something added to the agenda under Other Discussion Items

The minutes from the August 19, 2019 meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

The minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

The following students were recognized for the Character Education Trait of Citizenship.

Middle School: James Corey

High School: N/A

Public Comment:

No updates or discussions took place.

Student Enrollment:

Student enrollment for BGCS is currently 418 students. BGCS will continue to receive state funds for any student who leaves after the 20-day mark.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

An updated staff development plan was provided for the board.

EC and Federal Programs Update:

VP Bonds informed the board that training for the teachers for E-Cats was taking place. She will be attending Title I conference this week. Title I requires a lot more documentation. A few corrections had to be made on the application. Title I will fund our remediation position.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, maintenance supervisor, provided the board with an update on the buildings and grounds. Ag Ed Instructor Lawrence will be traveling to Wyoming for green house/community garden management. Her flight will be covered by a grant that she applied for. There are several grants that she has applied for to assist with the Ag Ed program. Live streaming is still being worked on for the campus. A basketball fundraiser tournament will take place January 2-3, 2020. Lawrence Academy, Parrott Academy and St. Paul will be a part of the tournament. IT Manager Hale is working on sound panels for the P.A. system in the gym.

Technology:

IT Manager Hale is researching different avenues of technology for teaching. Virtual Google is one avenue.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussions took place.

Accountability (Academic):

Starting with the 2020-2021 school year, The NC State Board of Education will no longer use the NC Final Exam as part of teacher assessments for performance and growth. Charter schools are not required to do this now, but we voted to do so as part of teacher accountability. Principal Moore does not know what will be used in place of this measure.

Principal Moore discussed the current EOC/EOG Summer Program guidelines with the board. Remediation and retesting take place in June. After a brief discussion, a **motion** was made to continue the EOC/EOG Summer Program with the amendments as discussed for the guidelines.

Motion: Frank, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Student Services:

No updates or discussions took place.

Child Nutrition:

No updates or discussions took place.

Transportation:

Principal Moore made the board aware of the need of a 15-passenger van or small bus for the tennis team and cross-country team to use for next school year. Mr. Harrison will start searching for both. Due to safety concerns and insurance, a small bus will probably be the better option.

Athletics:

There seems to be an issue with students who are playing multiple sports and their practice times. Some coaches are not allowing students to practice in all areas as needed. Coach Perry and Principal Moore are scheduled to meet with all coaches and discuss this matter. An updated Sports Club budget was provided for the board.

Other Discussion:

Principal Moore is currently working on a grant submission for a School Resource Officer. She has the grant in CCI and has almost completed it. She wanted approval before submitting the grant. A discussion took place regarding the need for a SRO on campus. She will send out a parental survey for input on the desire for a SRO on campus. A final decision will be made at the November board meeting. A **motion** was made to apply for the SRO grant.

Motion: Phil, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

Principal Moore discussed See Something, Say Something with the board. This is an anonymous reporting mobile app system. This will be available for the 2020-2021 school year. Training will be provided by the state.

Principal discussed volunteers for campus with the board. A **motion** was made to accept the volunteer agreements as discussed.

Motion: Georgia, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

Finance:

An updated budget report was provided for the board. The audit for BGCS will be presented by October 31, 2019.

Human Resources:

One staff member is out on workman's comp. The individual tripped over a student's bookbag and fell against a desk corner onto the floor. The individual has a concussion and black eye. Principal Moore will keep the board updated on the staff member. Discussion took place on the senior trip for this school year. A 5-day trip to Florida is being planned to take place during Easter break. A **motion** was made to approve the senior trip.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia. 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 Frank and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session to discuss human resources. At 6:50 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:19 PM. **Motion:** Charlotte, Second: Georgia.

No motions were required after the board came out of closed session:

The next scheduled board meeting will be on November 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Bear Grass Charter School media center.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:19 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman