

Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes January 21, 2020

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on January 21, 2020 at the Bear Grass Charter School media center, Bear Grass, NC. Frank Beck, Board Member, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present:
Delmas Cumbee Kent Dickerson Phil Hodges Pam Gibbs
Charlotte Griffin Georgia Smallwood Frank Beck
Guests:
Donna Moore – Bear Grass Charter School Principal
Mary Beth Jackson, Bear Grass Charter School Assistant Principal

Item Added to the Agenda: Say Something Awareness

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

Motion: Phil, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

The following students were recognized for the Character Education Trait of Fairness/Justice.

Middle School: Kara Price

High School: N/A

Public Comment:

No updates or discussions took place.

Student Enrollment:

Enrollment for the current school year is 418 students. The budget is set for 420 students. 78 applications for the 2020-2021 academic year have been received as of January 21, 2020. Lottery has been set for February 25, 2020 @6:00pm.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

An updated staff development plan was provided for the board.

EC and Federal Programs Update:

VP Bonds gave a brief update of the programs. As of December, EC headcount is at 41. There will be an EC monitoring visit by January 30, 2020. A leadership interview will be held with Principal Moore, VP Bonds and Board Chairman Cumbee. A couple of items that were noted were some students received more corrective action than necessary and there were some speech service records that were never received from Martin County.

A packet has been received detailing items that need to be available for the Title I audit set for February 13, 2020. 33 Elements need to be demonstrated for compliance. At the PTSA Meeting set for March 30, Title I will be discussed, and teachers will present what takes place in the classroom.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, maintenance supervisor, provided the board with an update on buildings and grounds. New press box steps have been installed at the baseball field. The wastewater state inspection has been completed and all went well. A low spot in the auditorium is due to a broken sill under the floor. This area has been taped off to student traffic until the sill has been repaired. He will have a quote for the February meeting for sound panels in the gym.

Technology:

Cameras have been installed on the buses. These have decreased rowdiness on the buses. The cameras are both audio and visual and capture the front and back of the bus. These allow for 30 days of video storage.

Two Pixellot cameras have been installed for live streaming of sports' events. Girls sporting events will be available for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussions took place.

Accountability (Academic):

Math I EOC scores have been received. Scores are in the 88 percentiles. Biology and English will not be available until the end of the year.

ACT Prep began January 16, 2020. There will be 14 prep sessions held. Staff Member Coltrain is overseeing this prep. ACT testing will take place on February 25, 2020 for current 11th graders.

Student Services:

No updates or discussions took place.

Child Nutrition:

No updates or discussions took place.

Transportation:

Mr. Harrison is searching for a 15-passenger van. There will be limited mileage on the van, 150 miles one way and all drivers will have to be on file with the insurance company.

Athletics:

Coach Perry will hold the Spring Sports Coaching Meeting in the auditorium on February 26, 2020.

Other Discussion:

Principal Moore discussed with the board the possibility of making February 14, 2020 a schoology day. A brief discussion took place among the board and a **motion** was made to amend the 2019-2020 school calendar and set February 14, 2020 as a schoology day.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

The school calendar for the 2020-2021 year was presented to the board. A **motion** was made to accept the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

A handout was provided for the board detailing the 2019 Charter School Performance Framework. BGCS was compliant with all measures.

DPI will be on campus January 24, 2020 to train students on Say Something Program. This is a school safety program designed to help students and staff recognize the signs and signals of those who may be at risk of hurting themselves or others and to anonymously report this information through a mobile tip app, website or hotline. Teachers will be trained after the students; then admin staff will be trained.

Finance:

An updated budget report was provided for the board. Monies are still due from other LEA's.

Human Resources:

SRO Grant has been received. This grant must be utilized by June 30, 2020. A **motion** was made to accept the SRO Grant.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

An entailed discussion took place among the board members regarding the necessity of a SRO. A **motion** was made to approve the hiring of a SRO for BGCS campus.

Motion: Kent, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

A SRO MOU was provided for the boards review. A decision was made that the MOU needed to be reviewed and vetted for further clarification.

Principal Moore updated the board on the BT Audit. This is the 2nd audit BGCS has had. These audits take place every five years. Distinguished was received in all areas but one which received accomplished. Principal Moore has submitted a request to amend this ranking.

No discussions required the board to enter closed session.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on February 17 at 6:00 PM in the Bear Grass Charter School media center

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Frank Beck, Board Member, at 7:07 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman

Approved by: