

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 11, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in-person and via teleconference on May 11, 2022, beginning at 12:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

Board members present:

Mrs. Doris Adams
Mr. Stewart Cooner
Mr. Dan Dobson
Mrs. Cheryl Fralick

Mr. Michael Moss
Mr. Reggie Thomas

Board members present via teleconference:

Mrs. Marilyn Edwards Taylor
Mrs. Deborah Blalock

Board members excused:

Mr. Robert Collar
Mr. Greg Vaughn
Ms. Kimberly Suber

Staff Members present:

Mr. Charlie Abbott
Mrs. Brenda Arant
Mrs. Jennifer Bryant
Mr. Scott Gaines
Mrs. Lettice Glenn
Ms. Libby Key

Ms. Diane McNinch
Mr. Scott Poovey
Mr. Pat Smith
Ms. Theresa Trowell
Ms. Cynara Wattlely
Mrs. Sonya White

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Fralick made a motion to approve the agenda and Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2021 meeting and Mr. Dobson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the following:

- FY'23 has been approved by the House and Senate with each body recommending our request for \$75,000 for Vocational Education support and moved back to our budget and \$200,000 Renovations and Maintenance.
- Hosted the Cayce-West Columbia Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting on April 26, 2022.
- 110 GED's to date; 12th consecutive year for 100 or more GED's.
- Ms. Laurie Davidson and Ms. Melissa Fowler from the SC Department of Children's Advocacy toured on March 15, 2022 and left very impressed with the School.
- Our Color Guard performed for the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on April 26, 2022, Lower Richland Sweet Potato Festival on April 30, 2022, and the SC Pardon and Parole Association Conference on May 2, 2022.
- Cadet Jade Sanders was honored at the Cayce-West Columbia Rotary Club as our Student of the Month.
- H3242 allowing us to receive names and addresses of potential students from school districts was not reported out of committee this year.
- S945 making live electronic public access to Board Meetings was not reported out of committee this year.
- S969 requires public school and state agency schools to display official mottos of the USA and South Carolina passed the House and the Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature.
- 51 cadets have been served since January 1, 2022 through the Dental Access Mobile Clinic. Examples are root canals, filings, and x-rays along with general dental care.
- 79 Cadets have been ServSafe Certified this year.
- Mrs. Brenda Arant and Mrs. Rachel Fanning are now OSHA 30 certified and can teach our cadets the basics of avoiding workplace safety and health risks.
- Our advertising campaign is underway for the July class. Billboards/radio/mass mailing comprise the majority of marketing efforts and have begun.
- Legislative Luncheon is scheduled for January 25, 2023.
- Former cadet Ryn Sheppard who graduated last spring has been accepted to attend the Citadel.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mr. Moss made a motion to approve the personnel actions and Mr. Dobson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

No questions on the personnel actions.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No Report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Ms. Libby Key reported on the budget summary update. Ms. Key explained that we are on track to finish the year within the carry forward Limit.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Ms. Cynara Wattlely, Post Graduate Coordinator, reported that post graduate data for recent graduates indicates that in the July Class of 22-01 there were about 36 graduates that obtained their GED. 53% were employed, 3% were

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enrolled in school, 19% were military bound, 8% looking for work and 17% unable to contact. The October class reported with 41 obtaining their GED with 28% employed, 17% enrolling in school, 17% military bound, 5% actively looking for work and 33% unable to contact. There was a positive shift with an increase of more cadets enrolling in school which is depicted from 3% to 17% in a matter of one cycle. The ServSafe certification numbers also greatly increased.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Mr. Charlie Abbott gave an update on the portico project and the electrical line project. Mr. Abbott reported that the portico project should be completed by September 2022 and the electrical line project is several months from completion due to a material shortage.

OLD BUSINESS

Currently board elections for two open seats has been delayed in the Legislature. Mrs. Edwards Taylor and Mr. Lindsey will be elected when the elections are held.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed a planning retreat and approved August 5-6, 2022 for the retreat. Mrs. Fralick made the motion and Mrs. Blalock seconded the motion; motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion from Mr. Dobson and seconded by Mrs. Edwards Taylor, the Board went into executive session for the Agency Head Evaluation; motion passed.

The Board adjourned following the executive session on motion by Mr. Moss and seconded by Mrs. Adams.