

**GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 18, 2015 @ 5:00 PM**

Board Members Present:

Therese Arsenault, Beth Berliner, Allison Thoreson Bhusri, Cynthia Billops, David Booth, Sapna Boze, Felix Chinchilla, Laura D'Amato Contreras, Sharon Gillenwater, Lisa Kirkland, Annie Klebahn, Deundra Hundon, Susan Masto, Joyce McMinn, Sharon Olken, Will Parish, Jackie Quella, Adina Safer, Sue Schultes, Suzanne Schutte, Laura Spivy, Phil Susser, Jennifer Tulley, Aaron White, Julie Wise

Board Members Excused:

Amy Joseph, Valerie Toler, Laura D'Amato

Board Members Not Present:

Cynthia Billops, Phil Susser, Laura Spivy, Briana Zelaya

Also present:

Chris Hero, Danielle Ciccarelli, Susan Kase

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2015

Beth Berliner called the meeting to order at 5:11pm. She called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11th Board meeting. They were approved without issue.

2. Public Forum

Beth opened the floor for Public Forum. No further discussions or motions were introduced.

3. Committee on Trustees (VOTE – Susan Kase)

Beth gave the floor to Jackie Quella, who recommended Susan Kase as a new Trustee. Jackie gave an outline of Susan's biography, and asked Chris Hero to talk about his experience with Susan. Chris spoke highly of Susan and said that she was a great benefit to the Board during the audit. Sapna Boze and Jackie concurred with Chris's opinion. Jackie made the motion to approve Susan for the Board and Jennifer seconded. Susan was approved without issue. Jackie introduced Susan to the Board and she was welcomed. Susan attended the remainder of the meeting.

4. Faculty Affairs (INFO)

Annie Klebahn and Adina Safer spoke to the Board about the February 6th Faculty Affairs Community Meeting. Annie gave a power point presentation, which highlighted the goals and focus of the meeting and the key take-away points. Adina talked about the goal of giving a voice to teachers and what is important to focus on going forward. Leadership is working on several proposals to strengthen recruitment and retention. Faculty Affairs is working closely with the Finance and Strategic Initiatives Committees to take action on what was learned at the meeting. Jennifer thanked F.A., and gave the floor to Sharon Olken for a discussion on Strategic Initiatives.

5. Strategic Initiatives (INFO)

Sharon discussed the work various groups are doing to support Gateway's Strategic Initiatives and the areas of focus in the coming years. The three main areas are, building a 21st century model, supporting excellence in teaching and learning, and launching Impact Labs. These initiatives are both intended to support students in our two schools, as well as Gateway's ability to positively impact other public school students. Work is being done both at a programmatic level and in terms of raising money to support these efforts.

6. Budget –(INFO)

Jennifer passed the floor to Chris who talked about the Gateway budget. Our coming budget will show how we are putting our priorities into action and making our goals a reality. Chris explained the various items of the budget and spoke about what has been done since the last meeting. Finance has been

working with school leaders and Faculty Affairs in the budgeting process. Strategic Initiatives, Gateway Impact Labs and Faculty Affairs are all interconnected and are all influencing the budgeting process.

Chris went over potential actions in the budget that would support excellence in teaching and learning, help us build a 21st century model, and launch Gateway Impact Labs.

The Board will be presented with a balanced budget next month.

7. Executive Director Report –(INFO)

Beth gave the floor to Sharon. Sharon outlined upcoming events at the high school that will showcase awesome student work, such as Genocide Awareness Night, and Humanities 9 Exhibition Night. Sharon said that April 9th is probably the first opportunity to support our middle school to get their charter renewed. Sharon will let us know as soon as possible.

April 13th is the deadline to support the garden kick-starter campaign. Students are raising money for irrigation. Sharon will send a link.

We will talk about enrollment next time. We held our lottery and families are in the middle of making decisions. The new preferences are working well.

8. Beth adjourned the meeting at 7:02

Signed:

Allison Bhusri
Allison Bhusri, Board Secretary

Date:

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